

## THE WEATHER

## Colder

Weather for the Valley Sunday will be fair, considerably colder; Monday partly cloudy. Moderate to fresh northerly winds on the coast Sunday, diminishing Monday.

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# BIG RUSS FORCE SURRENDERS TO FINNS

## Navy Orders Huge Planes For Patrol Over Pacific

### GIANT SHIPS HAVE LENGTHY FLYING RANGE

Contract Is Let To California Firm

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The navy has ordered a fleet of giant, long-range, four-motor flying boats to patrol its far flung "line of observation" in the Pacific and to reinforce the administration's hemisphere defense policies.

Authoritative sources reported Saturday that possibly 50 or more craft with a range of more than 5,000 miles were involved in a \$20,016,689 order just given a California plant. The contract, the largest single aircraft purchase in navy history, went to Consolidated Aircraft Corporation, San Diego, Calif. In accord with the navy's policy details were withheld.

**Weapons Formidable**  
The newest additions will augment 15 other four-motor ships of the same general type ordered last year, and more than 200 smaller two-motor flying boats already in service.

The two-motor patrol craft have been "fortified" non-stop by the score to Hawaii and Panama and have been termed by foreign aviation experts "incomparable" the most formidable overseas striking force of the kind in existence.

The navy has been experimenting with four-motor flying boats since 1935. The newest planes ordered are a development of the consolidated concern's experimental model, the PB2Y, a high wing monoplane with four 1,000-horsepower 14-cylinder motors. This plane weighs about 30 tons, has a 118-foot wingspread and carries a crew of nine. Both army and navy are experimenting meanwhile with still more giant craft.

**Others In Budget**  
The army, seeking to extend the range and load capacity of its bombers, intends to build five planes nearly twice the size of its present 17-ton four-motor bombers. Approximately \$4,000,000 was included in pending budget estimates for craft to weigh about 35 tons and capable of non-stop flights of well over 5,000 miles.

A single 34-ton army bomber, the B-15, has been making experimental flights for the last two years. It took medicines to Chile after an earthquake early this year.

The War Department estimates turned over to President Roosevelt are understood to have included provision for 200 bombers of all types, of which a large proportion presumably would be of four motors.

### Fokker Dies

Noted Aviator Victim Of Meningitis

NEW YORK — (AP) — Anthony H. G. Fokker, first man in the aeronautical industry to become a millionaire through aviation, died Saturday from pneumococcus meningitis. He was 49 and had been ill three weeks.

Dr. Robert M. Cushing, his personal physician, said death "came peacefully" after the known methods of combatting the disease had been tried.

Carter Tiffany, a close friend of the airplane designer and builder, said Fokker's body would be taken to Holland where his mother lives. Fokker's wife died in 1929, and they had no children.

### White Christmas

PERRYTON, Tex. — (AP) — Four and a half inches of snow fell in this section overnight, bringing the first appreciable moisture to this drought-stricken area in three months.

The snow, combined with a light rain, meant 63 of an inch of moisture to this upper Panhandle region. Planted wheat acreage will benefit tremendously.

### Late Snow Hits North



Arlotte Jorgensen, 3, of Minneapolis, was having trouble keeping her mind on her work as the winter's first substantial snowfall cloaked arid Minnesota and provided perfect conditions for Santa's coming. The wet mantle moistened dry fields and weighted down wires, hampering communications and traffic.

### PROTEST HITS WARLIKE ACT

American Republics Enter Complaint

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The 21 American Republics, acting in unity, protested to England, France and Germany Saturday against naval engagements within the American "neutrality zone," and advised them that consultations were being carried on looking toward penalizing future violations.

Among the steps under consideration, the note said, was adoption of a rule which would prevent belligerent vessels from supplying themselves and repairing damages in American ports "when the said vessels have committed warlike acts within the zone of security."

The protest was sent to the three belligerents by the President of Panama, Dr. Don Augusto S. Boyd. It was signed by all the 21 republics signatory to the declaration of Panama which set forth the "inherent rights" of the American Republics to establish the zone for their own protection.

The protest was based on the naval battle between the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee and three British cruisers off the Uruguayan coast, the "suicide" of the German warship in the River Plate, and the seizure and sinking of German merchant ships by British warships in American waters.

### War, Navy Estimates Pared By President

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Roosevelt was reported Saturday to have pared upward of \$700,000,000 from War and Navy Department estimates in an effort to hold national defense costs next year to little more than \$2,000,000,000.

### Bid For Trade In South America Due

HOUSTON — (AP) — A bid for increased Mexican and South American trade will be made in an international goodwill flight leaving here early next year. Major cities of Latin-America will be on the itinerary.

### FD Decision To Keep Out Of Race Heard

NEW YORK — (AP) — The New York Times says "definite information" that President Roosevelt has told friends that he does not wish to run for a third term "is current in political circles."

### YULE TRADE IS BEST IN MANY YEARS

Powerful Upswing Is Aid To Business

By The Associated Press  
A last day-surge of Yuletide shopping swept over retail counters in the nation's best Christmas trade in years.

The United States Department of Commerce said the holiday buying generally was the heaviest since 1929. A powerful autumn industrial upswing had added many hundreds of millions of dollars to the public purse through expansion in payrolls and disbursements to shareholders.

**Improvement Seen**  
Uncle Sam's trade observers noted there was ample evidence of improvement in "purchasing power" in the demand for furniture and more expensive miscellaneous gifts.

A nation-wide survey brought reports of record sales from some stores. Most merchants said the shopping season made strong finish after a slow start.

Opinion was divided as to whether the earlier Thanksgiving date, observed in half the states of the Union, influenced trade importantly.

Large distributing organizations had difficulty weighting effects of the earlier Thanksgiving because mild, dry weather cut sharply into sales of seasonal merchandise.

**Most Business Ahead**  
Once the rush started, it rolled huge free-spending crowds into the country's principal shopping thoroughfares. Steels and other heavy industrial centers, partly relieved of depression unemployment, were conspicuous in trade gains.

War-stimulated business was rated a factor in these sectors.

Good and favorable were most frequently applied descriptions of the holiday trade boom. Some stores estimated business ran as high as 10 or 12 per cent ahead of the last week of the 1938 Christmas buying.

Federal reserve board figures for the week ended December 16, just before the final rush, showed department store sales in dollar totals six per cent ahead of last year.

### Vatican Envoy

Roosevelt Appoints Personal Agent

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Roosevelt announced Saturday night the appointment of a personal representative to the Vatican and called for "all the churches of the world" to believe in a common God "to throw the 'great weight of their influence' behind the cause of world peace."

He said Myron C. Taylor, retired steel magnate and head of the intergovernmental refugee committee, would go to Rome as his representative. Taylor, a Quaker, will have the full social, although not official, rank of an ambassador.

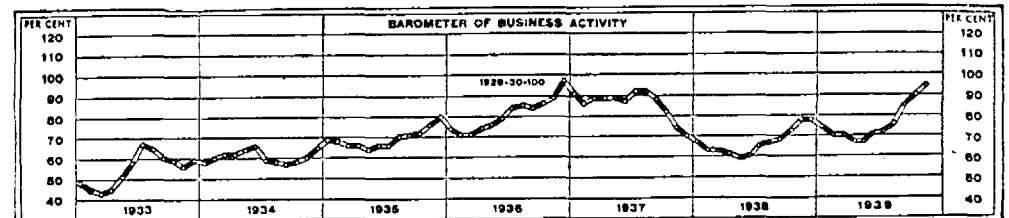
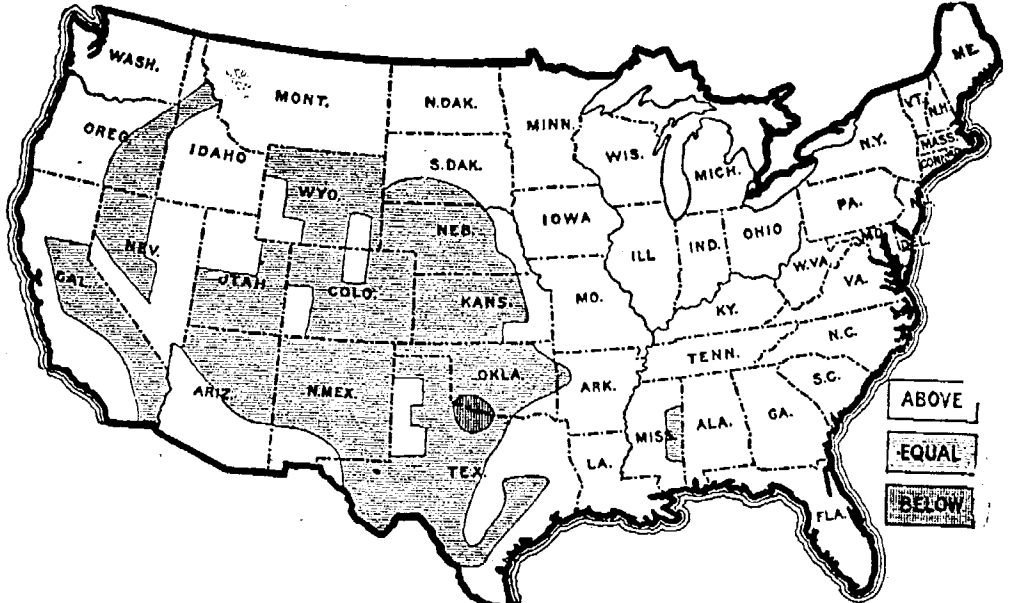
At the same time Mr. Roosevelt invited Dr. George A. Buttrick, president of the federal council of the Churches of Christ in America as a Protestant leader, and Rabbi Cyrus Alder, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, to confer with him from time to time "in order that our parallel endeavors for peace and the alleviation of suffering may be assisted."

### Western Solon Dies At Naval Hospital

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Deaths among members of the present Congress reached a total of 16 Saturday with the passing of John A. Martin, Democratic representative from Colorado since 1933.

Martin, who was 71, died at naval hospital a week after he was stricken with pneumonia poisoning on a train en route from his home at Pueblo. A heart ailment complicated his condition.

### December Business Map Is Brighter



Increased income from farm marketings in western producing areas is reflected in the December Nation's Business map. The "above average" area continues to spread into the western half of the nation and the industrial production in November continued the sharp rise registered in September and October and marked the sixth consecutive monthly advance since the current upward movement began last June.

### ALL CHURCHES SET SERVICES

Birth Of Savior To Be Celebrated

HARLINGEN—Special Christmas services will be observed in all Harlingen churches Sunday, Sunday night and Monday, pastors here indicated.

Following regular services at the "old" church, first services in the new St. Alban's Episcopal Church will be held at 11 p. m. Christmas Eve, Rev. Robert Brown said. The candlelight services celebrating Holy Communion will feature special Christmas music, including the anthem, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," by Scott, Monday at 8 a. m. and at 11 a. m. Holy Communion will also be celebrated.

Vesper services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church Sunday at 5 p. m., featuring a short sermon and special music, Rev. Flynn V. Long said.

At the First Methodist Church, Rev. Bolton Boone will speak on "Christmas and Peace," and there will be special music by the adult and children's choirs. No regular Sunday evening service will be held, but at 5 p. m. Sunday candlelight vesper services will feature an organ program titled "Carols of Christmas" by Virginia Perry.

At St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Christmas services and carols will be held at 10:30 a. m. Monday, when the sermon by Rev. Albert Wolf will be "The Purpose of the Savior's Birth." Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock a Christmas program will be held at the church by members of the junior, intermediate and adult Sunday School classes, at which time the Christmas story will be carried out. Regular Sunday services will be held as usual.

At The Sacred Heart of Mary Church midnight high mass will be held Sunday, and during the day Monday mass will be celebrated at 6:30 a. m., 7:30 a. m., 8:30 a. m., 9:30 a. m., and 10:30 a. m.

Christmas will predominate in worship services Sunday at the First Baptist Church, with A. L. Brooks as guest speaker at the morning hour and college students presenting a program in the evening. Brooks will speak on the origin and history of Christmas. In the evening theme of talks by students will be "An Inventory of Modern Student Christianity."

Special Christmas music Sunday morning will include the organ prelude, "Gounod's Nazareth," played by Foster Tebbe; solo, "Maudslayi's 'Lullaby'" sung by Miss Emogene Oler; offertory, "Pastorale," Schumann; and postlude, "Shepherds Chorus," by Lemmon.

### Special Session To Be Urged At Meet

DALLAS — (AP) — Further pressure for a special session of the legislature will be plotted at a legislative committee meeting of the Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association in Austin early in January, county judge Ben Fly said Saturday.

### O'Daniel Announces State Appointments

AUSTIN — (AP) — Governor W. Lee O'Daniel Saturday announced the double-barreled appointment of Adjutant General Harry Knox, Jr., to be a member of the Board of Control and Col. J. Watt Page of Fort Worth to succeed Knox as State Adjutant General.

The appointments will become effective January 1.

### Pope To Give Reply To Holiday Greeting

ROME — (AP) — Pope Pius XII will reply to the Christmas greetings of cardinals living in Rome with an address Sunday summarizing the joys and sorrows of the past year.

The dean of the cardinals, 88-year-old Gennaro Cardinal Granito Pignatelli Di Belmonte, will read an address of good wishes to the pontiff concluding with the Latin "ad multos annos," meaning "long life."

### Argentina Receives Protest From Nazis

BUENOS AIRES — (AP) — Argentina received a formal German protest Saturday against the internment of more than 1,000 German seamen from the scuttled pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee.

Government sources indicated Argentina was not likely to retreat from her stand that the Germans were fighting men and must be interned.

Germany's protest was believed based on the contention the Graf Spee's crew are shipwrecked seamen.

### Quiet Christmas Due For Garners

UVALDE — (AP) — The Vice President and Mrs. John Nance Garner will observe Christmas quietly this year, just like many another American family whose children and grandchildren can't come back to the old home for the holidays.

Their son, Tully Garner, president of the First National Bank of Amarillo, and Mrs. Garner, and their granddaughter, Miss Genevieve Garner, will not get down to Uvalde for Christmas.

### Employees Of White House Given Party

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The White House rang with happy laughter and squeals of glee Saturday as the President and Mrs. Roosevelt made Christmas merry for household employees' families, including about 200 children.

Forerunner of the gay family celebrations Sunday and Christmas, the east room party for servants, chauffeurs and police was one of the jolliest of the holiday.

### FUGITIVE CAPTURED

BORGER, Tex. — (AP) — Andrew H. Nelson, who escaped from Huntsville penitentiary August 1, was recaptured Saturday night in a house two miles west of Stinnett, near here.

### TRAFFIC TOLL IS ALREADY UP

87 Killed Saturday In 25 States

By The Associated Press  
Pre-Christmas Saturday, a semi-holiday in many cities, brought violent death to 87 persons in 25 states, 71 of whom perished in traffic accidents.

Eight persons suffered fatal burns and eight of the traffic victims were killed by trains.

Five members of one family died in a head-on automobile crash in New Mexico, and a Kansas mother and her three children met death in a train-auto collision at a street crossing in Wichita.

Georgia led in accidental deaths with six traffic fatalities including two train deaths, and one death by gunshot wound. Ohio reported five traffic fatalities and one in a hunting mishap.

The toll by states:

California 6, Colorado 2, Florida 2, Georgia 7, Illinois 5, Indiana 2, Iowa 2, Kansas 6, Kentucky 3, Maryland 5, Massachusetts 4, Michigan 3, Missouri 2, Nebraska 1, New Mexico 6, New York 2, Nevada 2, Ohio 6, Pennsylvania 4, South Dakota 5, Tennessee 2, Texas 2, Virginia 5, Washington 1, West Virginia 3.

### Allied Warships Try To Intercept Nazis

PARIS — (AP) — Allied warships took extra precautions Saturday night to intercept Nazi shipping as French naval sources declared approximately 500 German merchantmen in neutral ports had been ordered to try to return to the Reich, cost what it may.

These ships, with estimated cargoes totaling 1,800,000 tons, have been called back by all possible routes, because Germany wants the raw materials they carry, these sources said.

### Farley Forgets Plea On Holiday Postage

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — (AP) — For weeks the post office department has been advising Mr. and Mrs. Farley to put three-cent stamps on their Christmas greeting cards.

But Saturday Mayor George C. Blume received a Christmas card from Postmaster General James A. Farley—and it came with a one-and-one-half cent stamp on the envelope.

### \$100,000 Cabled To Finns For Relief

NEW YORK — (AP) — Former President Herbert Hoover cabled a second \$100,000 to Finland Saturday for emergency civilian relief and 30 Finnish war veterans sailed to fight for their homeland.

Hoover, chairman of the Finnish Relief Fund Campaign begun 15 days ago, said the money was sent in response to an urgent appeal by former Prime Minister Aimo K. Cajander, head of the Finnish Civilian Relief Committee.

### RED RETREAT CONTINUES ON SOUTH FRONT

Invaders Massacred In Savage Battle

HELSINKI — A savage battle at Aglajarvi on the southeastern front in which a surrounded Russian force was practically destroyed before it surrendered was reported Saturday night in the Finnish high command communiqué.

While Finnish troops were reporting a series of successful offensive operations along the eastern and southeastern fronts, Russian air raiders, for the fifth consecutive day, bombed strategic Finnish cities. Finnish advise, however, said there were no casualties.

"The Aglajarvi region is now wholly in our hands and our advance continues," the communiqué said, adding that more than 600 prisoners were captured in the fighting at Aglajarvi and nearby Tolvajarvi.

**In Frontier Zone**  
These towns are in the frontier zone about 50 miles north of Lake Ladoga.

The Finns said they also seized six cannon, eight tanks, eight anti-tank guns, a number of machine-guns and other equipment in the Aglajarvi operations.

South of Lake Ladoga on the vital Karelian Isthmus, the Finns launched their first major counter offensive, reporting it resulted in destruction of five Russian tanks and the capture of a number of prisoners, machine guns and other war material.

The Russians were said to have been repulsed when they attacked on the isthmus Friday night. The invaders also were reported driven back when they attacked at Kilala, railroad town on the north shore of Lake Ladoga and about 25 miles from the border.

The communiqué said the Russians lost 2,000 men at Suomussalmi, killed in fighting in that sector, which is about 250 miles north of Lake Ladoga and 30 miles from the frontier. There a Russian column which tried to smash across Finland, "was wiped out," it being thrown back, the Finns asserted.

"We captured one tank and a number of machine guns in that sector," the communiqué said. "Our advance continued."

Points attacked by Russian bombers included Tampere, site of a large munitions base northwest of Helsinki. Bombs also were dropped around Helsinki, Porv, Tammsaari and Rauma.

**Shots Down**  
Two Russian bombers were reported shot down by anti-aircraft guns.

Finnish reports said many bombs were dropped, and that at least one home was burned in Tammsaari. Russian fliers machine-gunned the towns from as low as 150 feet.

"Our own air activities were confined to reconnaissance flights and patrol operations," the Finns reported.

The Finnish army in the Arctic sector was reported pursuing retreating Soviet troops beyond Høyhenjervi, approximately 60 miles south of the Arctic Ocean. Bitterly cold weather and deep snow was said to be helping the Finns.

Several Russian battalions were reported cut off near Salmijarvi, center of the nickel mining district. The Finnish army, according to information from "the Norwegian frontier region, has severed highway communications with Petsamo Fjord and the Russians have been forced to withdraw eastward toward Kola, across the border in Russia.

Finns asserted there was not a "living Russian" south of Salmijarvi in the Arctic sector, and that thousands had lost their lives, victims of a blizzard and sub-zero weather.

### O'Daniel Receives Christmas Citrus

AUSTIN — (AP) — It's more than Christmas at the governor's mansion—it's a Texas Christmas.

Citrus fruit and vegetables from the Rio Grande Valley, Texas turkey, a myriad of presents which spring from old king cotton, the number one Texan, and those moody Texas pecans are playing prominent roles.

### POPE TO SPEAK

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# Society

Sunday, December 24, 1939

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HERALD



(pictured at the upper left)

Titian-haired Mrs. Charles Ferguson, one of the most attractive of McAllen's younger matrons, tries and tries again the arrangement she is fixing on the mantelpiece of her new home for the Christmas season. Mrs. Ferguson plans to have Christmas on a larger scale at her house next year when her six months old daughter, Belle D., will be on her way to becoming one of McAllen's sub-debs. (Staff Photo)

(pictured at the upper right)

Christmas preparations were carried out in traditional style in the Edinburg home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Handley where Mrs. Handley was snapped by the cameraman as she put finishing decorative touches to the Christmas tree arranged chiefly for the benefit of their four year old daughter, Porter Clair. The Handleys left at the weekend for Sabinal, Texas, where they will be guests over Christmas in the home of Mrs. Handley's parents. (Photo by Brad Smith)

(pictured at the lower left)

Younger brother and sister, Pat and Virginia Reed, keep a sharp watch for Santa Claus, as older sister Elizabeth goes about the serious business of hanging up stockings. "Ginger's" compressed lips indicate the degree of concentration on the look-out as she holds young Pat's sock tightly in both hands. All three are the charming youngsters of Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Reed of Brownsville.

(pictured at the lower right)

Miss Rozanne Pile, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo V. Pile, climbs on a chair to get within reaching distance of the various gadgets and ornaments that make a Christmas tree sparkle and glitter. Miss Pile, a member of the Harlingen graduating class, is a favorite with the younger social set of the Lower Valley and has music as a special hobby. She expects to share in many festivities planned by the high school and collegiate group during the holidays.



# Cameron Maps Plan To Clear Up Delinquent Taxes By Sales

## AGAR OFFERS PROPOSAL TO COUNTY HEADS

Program's Approval Will Be Sought

BROWNSVILLE — Cameron county commissioners will be asked to authorize a program to clear up delinquent tax rolls through summary sale of property, according to Ralph T. Agar, county tax assessor-collector, who will ask their approval at their Wednesday meeting.

The program would include all taxing districts in the county, he said, as those not consolidated with the county office would be asked to join the county and county-represented districts for the purpose of clearing up delinquent taxes.

According to figures compiled by Mr. Agar, the total bonded indebtedness of the county and all taxing districts in the county is approximately \$22,460,000. Delinquent taxes owed the county and all districts is approximately \$8,500,000.

Mr. Agar expects to plan for clearing up delinquent taxes Saturday, after a trip to Austin where he conferred with the attorney general and the state comptroller's offices, as well as with John T. Smith, former state official and at present an attorney and tax expert who also is editor of the Tax Journal.

Summary sales of property for delinquent taxes, without the necessity of suit in court, has been held by the state supreme court to be legal without an enabling act for the present constitutional amendment providing the method, Mr. Agar pointed out.

The attorney general declared he could not issue instructions for the summary sale of property without an enabling act, but that his office would cooperate with the county in every way possible, Mr. Agar said.

The same assurance was received from the comptroller, he said.

Work For Counties

Summary sales would be directed by an "outsider" a tax expert to be paid on a commission basis, who would represent all the taxing districts participating.

At the same time the director was in charge of turning up Cameron county delinquent tax, he also could be employed by districts of Hidalgo, Willacy and Starr, and these counties will be invited to institute summary sale procedure also, Mr. Agar said.

Anxious that immediate action be taken on the plan, Mr. Agar declared that it would be possible to clear up all delinquent tax owed by disinterested taxpayers within a year.

Summary sales would be instituted only on property where owners are making no effort to pay their delinquent taxes.

Those who have arranged to pay their current taxes and to make payments on delinquent taxes after re-assessment, as many have done, would not be included.

Summary sales make unnecessary a tax suit in district court in order for the assessor-collector's office to sell property for delinquent taxes.

The amount saved in court costs and abstract expense would more than pay the commission for the man directing the sales, which cannot be more than 15 per cent, Mr. Agar said.

At the same time he handled the summary sales procedure, the director could advise and aid districts desiring to refund their present bonded indebtedness, Mr. Agar said.

He would handle collection of delinquent personal property taxes at the same time with the delinquent ad valorem taxes, Mr. Agar said.

Board To Set Value

Under summary sales procedure property would be levied on by the tax assessor-collector advertised for sale for 30 days, then sold at auction. Where taxes on the property amounted to more than its value, a board of businessmen would set a "fair value" on the property, he said.

Taxpayers could have access to court by filing suit against the sale of their property so that only the property of disinterested taxpayers would be sold through summary sales procedure, Mr. Agar pointed out.

A two-year period for redemption of property sold for delinquent taxes would be allowed under summary sales procedure, except where sale is through a water district suit for delinquent flat rate payment, as is the case in sales by virtue of court suit, he said.

The new owner, however, would pay taxes on the property during that period, he said, instead of its being removed from the rolls for two years.

To redeem the property, its former owner would have to pay the sale price plus 25 per cent the first year, the sale price plus 100 per cent the second, Mr. Agar said, and to reimburse the purchaser the amount of taxes he had paid on the property.

Mr. Agar estimated that immediate action would have delinquent taxes cleared up to a point where summary sales could be instituted on 1939 taxes 30 days after the last of them, those on which split payments were made in October or November, become delinquent June 30, 1940.

Delinquency Exceeds Debt

He declared summary sales procedure would serve also to keep tax payments current after the delinquent rolls have been cleared, assuring practically 100 per cent current tax payment in the future.

Hundred per cent payment of current taxes, he has stated, will put the burden of bonded indebtedness in all districts upon all property owners in those districts, instead of leaving a few to pay taxes and resulting in tax rates, based on anticipated collection, being set far higher than necessary if all paid.

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## OBITUARY

**MRS. MARY CONTRERAS**  
RIO GRANDE CITY — Funeral services were held at 4 p. m. Friday at the Sanchez Funeral Home in this city for Mrs. Mary Howard Contreras, 77, who died at her home here Thursday after a lengthy illness.

A longtime resident of Rio Grande City, Mrs. Contreras was held in affectionate regard by all. She is survived by her husband, Abundio Contreras, one son, Heran Contreras of McAllen, and one sister, Mrs. Elisa Howard Hinojosa of this city.

Interment was in the new city cemetery.

**MRS. NEPPIE GILLESPIE**  
MISSION — Mrs. Neppie Gillespie, wife of Vincent C. Gillespie, died suddenly at her home seven miles north of Mission Friday night. She was 44 years old.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her sisters, Mrs. Mrs. Gilligan E. Temple, Tex.; Mrs. Earl White of Bartlett, Tex.; and Mrs. W. A. Busby of Mangum, Okla.

Funeral services will be announced by Kreidler Funeral Home when relatives arrive from North Texas.

**MRS. R. E. FRISBY**  
McALLEN — Funeral services for Mrs. R. E. Frisby, 33, who died at San Antonio Friday afternoon, will be held at the Kreidler chapel here at 4 p. m. Sunday. She had been ill for about five years.

In addition to her husband, R. E. (Monk) Frisby, she is survived by two sons, Darrell and Clinton; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Frisby; five sisters, Mrs. Henry Ingle of Pleasanton, Tex.; Mrs. George B. Fish and Mrs. Clarence Loeburg of San Antonio, and Mrs. Beulah Ivey and Mrs. W. Edward Hart, of McAllen, and three brothers, Raymond and Kenneth Alley, both of McAllen, and Charles Alley of Bozeman, Mont.

**J. C. PATTERSON**  
HARLINGEN — John Calvin Patterson, 60, Stuart Place, died Saturday at 1 p. m. at his home in Stuart Place, after a long illness.

Body will be forwarded to Ben Franklin, Tex., Sunday morning, for burial, by Stotter-Burdette Mortuary, Harlingen.

Surviving are the wife, Mrs. Mary Frances Patterson; a son, Marvin Patterson, Gilmer; daughters, Mrs. J. C. Duncan, Gilmer, and Mrs. W. H. Maupin, Stuart Place; and a brother, D. Patterson, Paris.

**M. L. DEW**  
WESLACO — Funeral services will be held at the Baptist Church Sunday at 3 p. m. for Judge and Mrs. M. L. Dew, Sr., Weslaco, killed in an auto accident early Friday morning.

Officiating at the last rites will be Rev. L. A. Brown. Burial will be at Weslaco Cemetery, under direction of Martin-Nelson Funeral Home, Weslaco. Pallbearers for Judge Dew include Hugh Groves, Judge J. F. Carl, S. N. McWhorter, Luther Hughes, Y. P. Yarborough, W. F. Anderson, and for Mrs. Dew, Cliff Davenport, C. W. Gound, W. H. Baxter, Sr., J. C. Mortensen, F. W. Hughes and W. G. Patterson.

Surviving are a son, Elkin Dew, and a daughter, Mrs. Blucher, who will both come here for the funeral.

Judge and Mrs. Dew were fatally injured before dawn Friday one mile north of San Manuel, when their car was in collision with a

county delinquent taxes now owed by property owners exceed the district's bonded indebtedness.

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**Advertising Lauded**  
He declared advertising the property widely would bring private purchasers, rather than leaving the property to be "bought in" by the taxing district as is being done at present in the majority of tax sales after court suit.

In connection with the summary sales plan Mr. Agar suggested the consolidation of all taxing districts in the county to obtain uniform valuations, lessen the cost of assessing and collecting, and aid in setting valuations based on the cash price of property.

To follow clearing up of the delinquent tax rolls, Mr. Agar recommended a permit to permit a sales tax by counties or groups of counties be obtained at the next session of the legislature.

He has advocated for some time a sales tax for the Valley counties, to replace the ad valorem tax for interest and sinking fund requirements on bonded indebtedness.

An ad valorem tax would continue to be assessed, he said, to meet the county's maintenance and operations expense, but homesteads would be exempt, up to \$3,000.

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## UPPER VALLEY MEN SUPPORT CITRUS PLANS

Stabilization Needs Aired At Meets

McALLEN — McAllen growers, at a meeting Friday night, declared they're behind the movement now under way to stabilize the prices of Valley grapefruit and oranges.

W. W. Dees of the City State Bank and Trust Company called the meeting.

The meeting, one of eight held in the Valley, was attended by 100 enthusiastic growers with practically all of those present signing up for membership in the Texas Citrus Producers Protective Association, Dees reported.

A full list of local men participating is expected to be ready by Tuesday.

Committeemen appointed to enlist support of growers not present at the meeting were E. Richards, E. H. Smith, Hugh McDonald, Frank Eeding, Dawson Holden, C. G. Fink, M. D. McGregor, George W. Johnson and L. R. Coleman.

Application blanks may be obtained at all Valley banks, from department of agriculture inspectors and in McAllen from the maturity testing office on the east highway.

Another meeting is planned for Edinburg growers early next week after only a small group turned out for the meeting there Friday night. Local bankers said the approaching holidays, with the necessity for Christmas shopping, kept most of the growers away.

Out of a group of 100 growers at the Mission meeting, 50 signed applications to adhere to the new stabilization plan, Leroy Buescher of the First National Bank reported. Expressing their eagerness to cooperate, Mission growers were likewise working to make their community 100 per cent behind the movement.

**Hot Water Heater Explodes Saturday**

HARLINGEN — Negligible damage was caused by explosion of a hot water heater at the residence of John Groesbeck at 1300 East Park avenue here Saturday afternoon.

Fire Chief Jake Childress said. Chief Childress said the heater was automatic. Walls near the heater were charred.

truck operated by County Commissioner R. D. Teague of Raymondville.

Judge Dew was a former city attorney for Weslaco and for the Weslaco Independent School District. He had been teacher of the men's Bible class at the Weslaco First Baptist Church for many years. Mrs. Dew had also long been active in the church work.

**MRS. FLORENCE SAPPINGTON**  
BROWNSVILLE — Funeral services for Mrs. Florence Robertson Sappington, wife of Lieutenant-Colonel William F. Sappington of Fort Brown, who died at her home at the post at 5:30 p. m. Friday, will be held Sunday at 3 p. m.

Services will be at the home in Fort Brown, with Rev. P. W. Hirst officiating. Mrs. John Merrill will sing. Following services the body will be sent to San Antonio for interment in the national cemetery at Fort Sam Houston. Hinkley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include the husband; a brother, William G. Robertson of Baltimore, Md., and a sister, Mrs. Frank Fulford of Belair, Md.

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## Young Mother Dies In Rescue Attempt

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — (AP) — A 31-year-old farm wife died in her flaming home Saturday morning when her baby who had already been carried to safety.

The mother, Mrs. Harold Bean, dashed back into the house only a few moments after the child, Sandra, 10 months old, had been rescued by the father.

**Marimba Players Are Scoring Hit**

BROWNSVILLE — A real treat for tourists is the marimba music being played at the Reforma theater in Matamoros, Col. W. E. Talbot, manager of the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce, said Friday.

"It's the most wonderful music I've ever heard, and I think would be a real treat for tourists," he said. The marimba players are from Mexico City, he said.

**Airline Men Spend Holidays In Valley**

McALLEN — Two pilots for United Airlines out of Chicago are spending the Christmas holidays in the Valley. They were in Mexico, 100 miles south of Reynosa last week hunting with Dell Lemen of McAllen.

They are Captain Alvin Smith and Robert Greenlee. Greenlee is the son of Mrs. Blake See of Mercedes and arrived last week with his family to spend the holidays with relatives in Mercedes.

The two pilots are on the Chicago-Cheyenne run for the airline.

**Two Are Killed In Brownwood Crash**

BROWNWOOD, Tex. — (AP) — Two persons were killed, two were reported dying and four others injured when two automobiles collided head-on here Saturday night.

The dead: Mrs. May Dunn, 68, Salt Creek and Miss Roxie J. Harris, Rising Star (hospital identification).

**Tax Plan Ends Re-Assessing Ruled Unconstitutional**

BROWNSVILLE — Re-assessment of delinquent taxes will end December 31, Ralph T. Agar, Cameron county tax assessor-collector, stated Saturday, after conferring with the attorney-general at Austin this week.

Attorney General Gerald Mann has given an opinion that re-assessment under the McKenize opinion is not constitutional. The county has been operating for several years under that method.

Mr. Agar, notified some time ago of the attorney-general's opinion, discussed his ruling and the Cameron county delinquent tax situation with the state official. He said Saturday after his return to Brownsville that the commissioner's court could approve re-assessments only where it held former assessments were invalid.

**HOUSTON VISITORS EXPECTED**  
McALLEN — Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Clark Webster and Mrs. Minnie Webster of Houston were expected to arrive Sunday to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Roberts.

## STATE ENDING VALLEY ROAD WIDENING JOB

Other District Work Is Near Finish

PHARR — Construction work on two sections of the Valley's highway widening program will be finished within about 30 days, the state highway department's divisional office announced here Saturday.

The sections are between Mission and McAllen, and Donna and Weslaco. A majority of the heavy work is already finished, and final odds and ends are now being completed.

The Valley's three-lane highway system now extends from Mission to a point two miles east of Weslaco, covering all parts of the heaviest traveled roadway in the Valley.

Engineering plans for continuation of the widening work from the point east of Weslaco through Mercedes to Harlingen, in Cameron county, have already been completed. They are in the hands of the state highway commission at Austin, where plans for construction will be announced when the commission is ready to proceed with the work.

One other large highway project in the South Texas division now nearly completed is the 34-mile strip of single asphalt surfacing on flexible (caliche) base connecting Falfurrias in Brooks county, with Hebbronville, in Jim Hogg county. When finished, this highway will open a new route from Falfurrias and points east to Laredo, in Webb county, on the border. Completion of the 34-mile project is contemplated during January.

The Falfurrias-Hebbronville road will close one of two gaps in highway connections between the Valley and Laredo. It will afford a completely paved route from the Valley via Falfurrias and Hebbronville. The other route is the "river road," leading west from Rio Grande City through Zapata to Webb county. A stretch of 18 miles between a point four miles south of Zapata to the Starr county line is still unpaved, but this has already been included on the highway commission's program for 1940, during which year contract will be let for the work.

The state thus far has spent approximately \$300,000 in widening the Valley's main highway into a three-lane pike. The 34-mile link between Falfurrias and Hebbronville is being built at a cost of about \$60,000. Estimated cost of the 18-mile strip in Zapata county is not yet known. The road base has been graded and treated but will remain closed to traffic until paving work can be completed. A serviceable detour now serves the section.

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## Pet Dog Is Blamed For Death Of Baby

MT. CLEMENS, Mich. — (AP) — Three weeks ago a pet fox terrier saved a Macomb county family possible injury by barking when a fire broke out.

Saturday the same dog was blamed for the death by suffocation of James Janiszewsky, the family's four-month-old son.

Dr. Edward A. Mallik said the dog apparently climbed into the infant's crib in the night. This morning the bed clothing was pressed down over the child's head.

Mrs. Anna Janiszewsky said her baby's hand clutched a few strands of the dog's hair.

**Church To Present Christmas Cantata**

RIO HONDO — The choir of the Community Church, under direction of Mrs. W. Francis Craig, will present their annual Christmas cantata Sunday at the 11 a. m. worship service.

On Christmas Eve a group of young people of the Community Church will present a Christmas morality play, "Dust of the Road," by Kenneth Sawyer Goodman in the chancel of the church.

**Theatre Employees Are Given Bonuses**

BROWNSVILLE — Eighteen employees of the Capitol and Queen theatres were presented substantial Christmas bonuses by John Fanning, resident manager of the two Brownsville theatres.

The bonuses are an annual Christmas gift to the theatre employees, were also signed by Karl Holtzelle, president of Interstate Theatres, Inc., and Robert J. O'Donnell, general manager of the circuit, both of Dallas.

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## RUSSIAN UNIT IS CAPTURED

Mechanized Force Is Trapped

COPENHAGEN — (AP) — Reports from the border Saturday night indicated the Finns had surrounded the trapped retreating Russian mechanized forces in the far north at Salmijarvi, about 30 miles from the Arctic ocean.

At least a portion of the defeated Russians, engaged in what was to have been a drive south through Finland, were said to be trying to dig in near Salmijarvi for a stand.

Several Russian battalions were caught in this nickel mining district, reports said.

The Finns said they were pounding retreating Russians in middle Finland at Salla so relentlessly that the Red army was in confusion.

Broken necks are not always fatal. Many cases are on record where persons have lived to normal age with little inconvenience.

## Gambler Is Slain

KANSAS CITY — (AP) — Mrs. George C. Ramsey said Saturday night that her husband, whose body was found in a suburban coal yard, had been connected with professional gamblers in Olney, Ill., and that he might have fled because he believed they were "after him."



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# Yuletide Is Time For Trips

McALLEN — McAllen residents have been leaving for the past several days for far and near places to spend the holidays with parents and friends.

Mrs. Clay Zachry left Friday for Austin where she will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Clay Zachry, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Newton of Fort Worth will also be with them for Christmas as will Mrs. H. E. Kyles, the young Mrs. Zachry's mother.

Mrs. Dorothy O'Brien, Miss Jean Crabtree and Miss Lolla Hone left Friday for Brownwood to spend Christmas with her parents in Cumby.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. D. O. McClain of Minneapolis, Minn., will be here to spend the New Year holidays with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Campbell. The Minnesota and McAllen men are brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bathorne of Corpus Christi arrived last week to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moon left Friday for Dallas to spend the holidays with their mothers there. En route they stopped at Kerrville to meet their son, Nelson, a student at Schreiner Institute, who will accompany them.

Joined there by Mr. and Mrs. George B. Fish and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Loessburg and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ingle, Pleasanton, and Mrs. R. E. Frisby, the group will hold a family reunion, Mesdames Hart, Loessburg, Frisby, Ingle and Fish are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George Allev.

Mrs. Percy Herman will leave Tuesday to visit her daughter, Louise, in New York City. En route she will spend one day in Austin as the guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pagenstecher.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Edwards and two children of Emporia, Kan., came Saturday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Edwards' sister, Mrs. George Osborne. While here they will go to Montecito.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Evans of Robstown arrived Friday to spend the holidays visiting their parents in Pharr and McAllen. Mrs. Evans is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Garner.

Mr. and Mrs. David Garner, Jr., left Friday for Lockhart where they will spend the holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Weir and family went to San Marcos Saturday to visit her mother there during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Aubrey Thomas with their two daughters are spending Christmas in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wolff and son went to San Antonio for the Christmas period, as did Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Brown. Mrs. Brown will return to McAllen January 1 while he will be back at the beginning of next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin are expected to arrive Sunday from Austin to visit over the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Anne Jo Jones.

Lois Benson left Friday to visit her parents, former Mission residents, now living in Jefferson, Mo.

**Sid Krings Hosts For Open House**

HARLINGEN — Red and white colors were used with gay effect about the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney R. Krings Saturday afternoon when they held open house for a host of friends from Harlingen and throughout the Valley.

Holly was arranged throughout the home, while occasional clusters of poinsettias gave vivid color. Red candles gleaming in all the guest rooms gave the only light and accentuated the holiday atmosphere that made the informal affair one of the most enjoyable of the pre-Christmas season.

Centerpieces for the table, laid with lace, was an arrangement of poinsettias about a huge white candle.

More than two hundred guests were received during the afternoon.

**Family Dinner Set For Christmas Day At Philip King Home**

HARLINGEN — Mr. and Mrs. T. C. King, who have recently arrived from Glenview, Ill., will share in a family Christmas dinner at the home of their son, Philip King, and Mrs. King. Other guests for the holiday repast will be Mrs. L. P. Halada, mother of Mrs. King, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Grimm and son, Jack.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. King spent the winter in Harlingen five years ago and have taken an apartment for the present season at 410 E. Madison. They will be entertained Christmas Eve in the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Grimm at Adams Gardens.

**Children Enjoy Christmas Party**

RAYMONDVILLE — The three divisions of the fifth grade, numbering ninety children, had their Christmas celebration on Friday Morning in the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. John Serota and Miss Marjorie Finlay, teachers led the children in singing of carols. Miss Ruth Cooke accompanied. Mrs. Cooke also told the charming Christmas story "The Star of Bethlehem," and candies and fruits were distributed.

Room mothers are: Mesdames Norman Koger, Roger Robinson, Burton Rapp, Bert Richey, Ruth M. Cooke, C. A. Oberg, J. S. Cook and Gertrude Brooks.

## To Wed Christmas Day



Miss Reva Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ewing D. Clark, will become the bride of Charles Allen Gregg of Corpus Christi, son of J. S. Gregg of Wichita Falls, in a ceremony to be read Christmas afternoon at five thirty o'clock in the First Baptist Church.

## Spanish Note Introduced In Pretty Church Wedding Solemnized in Mercedes

MERCED — Claiming affectionate interest of a large circle of friends was the wedding of Miss Virginia Butler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Butler of Blooming Grove, Texas, and H. C. Onstot of Goldthwaite, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Onstot of Austin. The impressive ceremony took place Friday evening, December 22, in the First Christian church with the pastor, Rev. M. Maurice Grove, officiating.

The beautiful service opened with the playing of "La Paloma" immediately after the ushers had lighted myriads of white candles.

The bride couple entered unattended to the melody of "The Bridal Chorus" from Wagner's "Lohengrin" and spoke their marriage vows kneeling beneath an arch of red bougainvillea at the altar. Baskets of poinsettias were placed about the front spaces of the church and the chancel rail was banked with red bougainvillea and fern.

The wedding music was played on the violin by Prof. Sol Zimmerman of Harlingen.

Ushers were Bob Schaeffer and Calvin Jones.

The bride wore a white taffeta frock, made along princess lines, with puffed sleeves and close fitting bodice. In her hair she wore a Spanish comb with a white mantilla replacing the traditional bridal veil. Rhinestone clips at the neck of her dress were her only jewelry. She carried an arm bouquet of poinsettias.

Immediately after the ceremony, a wedding reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Schaeffer. The Christmas colors were emphasized in floral arrangements of poinsettias and greenery.

Out-of-town guests for the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Allison, Brownsville; H. H. Onstot, father of the groom, Austin; W. H. Butler, brother of the bride, A. and M. College; Dr. and Mrs. E. Whigham and Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Whigham, McAllen.

Mrs. Onstot has been a faculty member of the Mercedes schools for the past several years serving as instructor in Spanish. She received her B. A. degree from North Texas Teachers College, Denton, and her M. A. from Texas State College for Women, Denton. Mr. Onstot, who is build director in the Godthwaite schools, received a B. A. degree from Southwestern University, Georgetown, and an M. A. degree from Southern Methodist University.

**Mrs. Charles Calderoni, Mrs. Kennerly, Hostesses For Pre-Christmas Tea**

BROWNSVILLE — Delightful among the pre-Christmas parties was the afternoon tea at which Mrs. E. P. Kennerly, and Mrs. Charles Calderoni entertained Thursday afternoon between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock at the J. J. Young home.

Guests were greeted at the door by Miss Inez Brulay, who was charming in a formal gown of light blue net. Receiving were Mrs. Kennerly, wearing a gown of aqua blue moire, with the heart-shaped neckline outlined with a ruffle, and with the bottom of the skirt heavily corded; and Mrs. Calderoni wearing a striking gown made with a short, pleated jacket of black velvet, and with a skirt of flame-colored pleated tulle.

In the wide hall was a pretty arrangement of white gladioli and elsewhere about the spacious home were especially graceful arrangements of poinsettias. In one of the living rooms was set a large Christmas tree, beautifully decorated.

Assisting in hostess duties were Mrs. John F. Barron, pretty in a gown of aqua blue moire, made with a quilted jacket; and Mrs. Brooks Conover, a teal blue gown of crepe with a jacket.

In the dining room, the tea table, laid with an ecru hand-crocheted cloth of lace, was centered with a low arrangement of godelias set in a wide bed of spruce fronds. Red tapers, set at diagonal ends of the table, were burning in two-branched green crystal holders.

Presiding at the table during the first hour was Mrs. James L. Rentfro. She wore a gown of pink net, made with the drop-shoulder decollete outlined with tiny ruffles which were repeated at the bottom of the full skirt. Presiding during the second hour was Mrs. Thurman Kinder, Jr., who wore a black chiffon gown with gold embroidery. Assisting in the dining room were Mrs. Augustine Celaya, Jr., who wore a gown made with a skirt of black taffeta, and the bodice of a gold and black brocade; Mrs. Rodolfo Barreda, a gown of black moire with trim of fuchsia velvet; and Miss Marcella Strein, whose gown was a black satin gown with a jacket of black net and gold embroidery.

About 150 called during the designated hours.

**Goodriches Arrive**

BROWNSVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Goodrich, and small son of Mexico City, Mr. and Mrs. George G. Goodrich of San Blas, Sinaloa, Mexico, and E. K. Goodrich, of Mexico City, arrived at the week-end to spend the Christmas holidays in Brownsville. They will be guests of relatives while here.

**Pabst Son Home**

BROWNSVILLE — Harrison Pabst arrived Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Pabst. He is a student at Texas University in Austin.

## Many Visit In Edcouch

EDCOUCH — Christmas visits became of major interest as the holiday drew near and residents made ready for house guests or trips to other points to share in family reunions.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Bradley have as their guest for two weeks, their granddaughter, Marjorie Bradley, of Houston.

Mrs. J. A. Coker has as guests Mrs. Coker's brother, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Smith of Abilene and Mrs. M. F. Smith of Colorado. Mrs. Smith is Mrs. Coker's brother and Mrs. Smith is her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brieger and daughter, Helen, will spend Christmas at Runge with Mr. Brieger's relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Garner and children expect to have as their guests for the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Krauser of Shiner. Mrs. Garner and Mrs. Krauser are sisters. Mrs. Paul Fahrenthold, who has been visiting in Shiner and other points since Thanksgiving, will accompany the couple.

John Aregoed of Riviera will spend the holidays with his sister, Mrs. R. C. Erwin, and aunt, Mrs. Ella J. Pieper.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thompson and children and J. R. Johnston will spend the holidays in Paris, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilson will spend the holidays at Hondo with Mrs. Isaac Wilson, Mr. Wilson's mother.

Miss Beatrice Hill will spend the holidays at Whitney with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Hoke McKim and daughters will leave this week-end for Bishop and Corpus to spend the holiday's with relatives.

John Bove, Joe Barker, and Paul Pierce of Texas University will spend the holidays in Edcouch with relatives.

Misses Sally Samons, and Radie Jane Culeper, Bill Grass and Guinn Odom, students at Edinburg Junior College, will spend the holiday in Edcouch with their relatives.

Mary Alice Gay will spend the holidays in Cherokee with her mother, Mrs. D. A. Gay and other relatives.

Bob Sammons a student at TMI at San Antonio will spend the holidays with his mother and sister in Edcouch.

Miss Genevieve Rhodes will spend the holidays in San Antonio and Carrizo Springs.

## Parce-Flynn Nuptials Set For Tuesday

HARLINGEN — Four o'clock Tuesday afternoon, December 26, is the hour Miss Helen Flynn has chosen for her marriage to Charles Parce of Hollywood, Calif. The wedding will take place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Flynn, 717 E. Taylor, with only a small group of friends and relatives as guests.

Rev. Flynn V. Long, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will read the marriage service. Mrs. Janet Addison will be the bride's only attendant. Mrs. H. E. Hager, Mercedes, will sing the bridal solo, and Kent Stratford, Brownsville, will play the wedding music.

Mr. Parce and his mother, Mrs. Donald Parce of Berkeley, Calif., will arrive Sunday.

Miss Flynn has been honored with a series of large prenuptial courtesies of considerable interest.

**Christmas Custom To Be Observed By Mother and Daughter**

HARLINGEN — Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Giffen of San Antonio will be guests for Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grimsell. Mr. Giffen will remain for a longer visit with her parents.

Mrs. Grimsell and her daughter, the former Miss Frances Grimsell, will observe a Christmas custom that has become one of the pleasant traditions of the season for their San Benito and Harlingen friends when they hold their annual open house Tuesday afternoon. Setting will be Mrs. Grimsell's home at 122 E. Lee Street.

**Mrs. Pauline Goode, R. E. Wagner, Jr. Arrive For Stay**

BROWNSVILLE — Mrs. Pauline Goode arrived Thursday afternoon from Kingsville to spend the holidays here with her sister, Mrs. Robert E. Wagner, and Mr. Wagner, and with another sister, Mrs. Jim Ward, and Mr. Ward in San Benito. Mrs. Goode is an instructor in Spanish at Texas A. and I.

Another guest in the Wagner home is Robert Wagner, Jr., student at the Texas University in Austin, who arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with his parents.

**Holiday Setting Is Emphasized At Annual Party**

McALLEN — A pretty holiday setting surrounded members of the Sunny Border Bridge club meeting Wednesday with Mrs. O. M. Stetson for the annual Christmas party.

After the games of bridge at which Mrs. Ray Erickson won high score, gifts were exchanged with Mrs. Stetson acting as Santa Claus. Present were Mesdames M. A. Ingram, Ray Erickson, C. O. Miller, Arthur Swain, W. D. Baden, Virgil Clark, and Miss Ardath Miller.

## This 'N' That

By Minnie Gilbert

ODD thing about family reunions that we're been discovering for the first time this year — That the larger the family is the stronger the chances are that every member will be seated at the Christmas dinner table.

When families are small, it would appear that the urge to be together would be greater, but this does not seem to be the case.

THE entire E. C. Breedlove family will be reunited again this Christmas in the family home in Harlingen and Santa will find 17 stockings hanging from the mantel if each member cherishes the proper sort of hopes.

Vanguard for the S. R. Jennings family reunion arrived early and by tonight the entire roll of nine children, a number of sons-and-daughters-in-law and several grandchildren, will be completed. No one has taken time to make a count but preparations for the event have been under way for weeks, though the reunion is held every Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Rodgers are rejoicing over the fact that their entire family of sixteen will be together for the holidays.

IN other Harlingen homes and throughout the Valley, family reunions are assuming greater importance even than usual at this Christmastime.

Scores of instances of trips involving a thousand to 1500 miles of travel for a day or even a half dozen hours with home folks have cropped up in news stories during the past few days. The number, certainly, reaches into the hundreds just in the Valley alone.

Which prompts the notion that Christmas observance is going deeper this year — perhaps because of the distress abroad — That folks are actually trying to realize their own good fortune and do something to minimize the other fellow's misfortune — And that this attitude isn't just an emotional state brought on by the usual orgy of Christmas giving, but a sort of awakening of responsibility for hitherto taken for granted privileges, a realization that will be dislaid into other action during the next year.

At any rate, our impression is that folks generally are enjoying Christmas more this year and entering into various phases of its observance more spontaneously.

If we're wrong about this, please don't correct us.

**CHRISTMAS Day** when Margaret will be three years old, ages of the three children of the L. F. Tastos, San Benito, will be three, four, and five respectively. Ann attained four December 8 and Freddy reached the great age of five last June 3rd.

THIS evidently is a season for Christmas cards and the more personalized the better they are received.

That is, with the exception of inventions of the ingenious Johnny Martin, Harlingen photographer, who hit on the idea of a card imprinted with a candid camera shot of the recipient.

Johnny raided his files accumulated over a period of years for choice "snoophots" of his friends, and there was a jolt in every envelope.

NO more appropriate time for dedication of St. Alban's Church building in Harlingen could be desired than the Christmas Eve midnight hour when a service will be held by candlelight.

THE service is planned for any persons desiring to attend church Sunday at midnight.

THE candlelight organ recital to be played at the First Methodist Church in Harlingen at five o'clock Sunday afternoon ought to satisfy those who must have music to feel Christmas inside. Virginia Perry will play for more than an hour much of the world's most famous Christmas music. There will be no other service.

IN San Benito outdoor carol singing on the side street adjacent to the railroad track is scheduled for five o'clock and is planned as a community-wide event.

In La Feria at five o'clock Sunday afternoon the cantata, "The Birthday of the Christ Child," by Frank Renard, Texas composer, will be given by the choir in the First Presbyterian.

In no town in the Valley, have arrangements for Christmas music been neglected.

THE fact that Christmas falls on Monday this year is not only a break for overworked store employees and housewives, but gives more significance to its celebration because Christmas Eve is Sunday.

A hint to calendar jugglers — keep Christmas on Monday every year.

WITH hundreds of giant poinsettias being cut for use as decoration at various Christmas festivities, there are still lots of people who think the process of curing the stems is difficult or a great deal of bother.

Choice of methods varies from searing the cut stems over a gas flame, and sealing the wound with hot wax, to plunging the stems into boiling water.

It seems most persons prefer the hot water method, usually carrying a painful into the garden and immersing each flower stalk the depth of the bucket as soon as it is cut.

One woman pointed out that by curing the stalks a foot or more from the cut end, leaves may be cut off or the stems shortened without releasing the sap flow which causes the wilting of the blossoms (actually red leaves radiating from the flowers).

OWNER of the first truck load of holly we've ever noticed in the Valley was finding an eager demand for the Christmas greens before he got well settled on the

## Mrs. Lanier Cox of Austin Guest of Honor for Coffee Having Gay Christmas Setting

HARLINGEN — A setting especially inviting with the reds and greens symbolic of the Christmas season was created for the coffee given Saturday morning by Mrs. Day Young and Mrs. Lee O. Cox to honor Mrs. Lanier Cox of Austin at the home of Mrs. Cox. The honoree, with her husband, son of the hostess, arrived Friday night for a holiday visit.

Greeting the guests were the hostesses, the honoree, and Mrs. Carl A. Stevens.

Dominating the pretty scene in the living room was the lovely tall tree decorated with red glass balls. The Christmas tree lights and candles above the mantel afforded the only illumination and gave an added festive note.

AN unusual arrangement of holly formed the centerpiece for the table laid with a lace banquet cloth. Mrs. Bolton Boone served the Christmas pudding and Mrs. Crockett Campbell poured coffee from the antique silver service. Assisting in the dining room were Mrs. Clay Rader, Mrs. E. S. Mothershead, and Mrs. J. J. Willingham.

About sixty guests were received at the informal courtesy during the morning hours.

The young couple will leave early next week for Austin where they will be settled by New Year's in their new home that is nearly completed. After the Christmas vacation Mr. Cox will resume his duties as associate professor of law in the school of business administration.

## Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Harvey To Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary Christmas Day

BROWNSVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Harvey will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with a family reunion Christmas Day at their home here.

Residents of Brownsville for the past thirty years, Mr. and Mrs.

**Collegiates Home For Christmas**

HARLINGEN — Arrival of college students from a score or more colleges and universities sent Yuletide festivity toward its maximum pitch during the past few weeks. Dances arranged by Valley clubs at University of Texas and Texas A. and M. other dances planned especially for collegiates, open house events, and a host of informal affairs ranging from bathing to hunting parties promise almost continuous activity for socially minded vacationists.

Miss Betty Dean, who is a senior student at Incarnate Word in San Antonio, is here for the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. R. Barnett and Mr. Barnett.

Jack Brady, student at Texas Technological College, has arrived for the holidays.

Misses Frances Witherspoon and Barbara Ruth Green, students at Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, are home for the Christmas vacation with their parents.

C. H. Hamilton, Jr., is among students home for the holidays. He is a student at Baylor University, Waco.

Robert Hamilton is here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Hamilton, from Abilene where he is attending college.

Mahlon Huffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Huffman, is among A. and M. students home for the holiday season.

**Winter Graduates Are Guests For Club Luncheon**

McALLEN — In honor of the January McAllen Junior High School graduates, members of the school's Future Homemakers Club of Texas gave a luncheon Wednesday.

Decorations emphasized the Christmas theme combined with touches to portend the coming graduation.

Among those honored were: Jane King, Mary Ann Robinson, Betty Bob Kyler, Maurine Forgy, Jacqueline Fetter, Frances Norris, Frances West, Helen Valentine, Frances Shine, Emma Gene Bulver, Consuelo Rodriguez, Mary Rodriguez, Dorothy Trevino, Amelia de la Garza, Lois May Headley, Celestine Rerucha and Elida Longoria.

**Glee Club Presents Story of Nativity**

RAYMONDVILLE — The Junior High School Glee Club under the direction of Mrs. Frank Ing presented "The Story of the Nativity" to an overflowing auditorium Thursday evening at the high school.

The performance was divided into seven scenes depicting The Annunciation; The Watching Shepherds. Departure of the Shepherds. Herod and the Wise Men; The Wise Men Bring Gifts; Mary Watching by the Manger and finale.

Mary — Sara Jean Jamison; Joseph — Billy Dear; Herod — Robt. Beachum; Guards — Woody Harper and Billy Holder; Shepherds.

**FROM MISSOURI**

LA FERIA — Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor of Tyler, Missouri and Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Williamson of Carrothers, Mo., are holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Murphy.

lot diagonally opposite the Madison Hotel Thursday.

Which made us wonder how feasible it would be to get a truckload of mammoth Valley-size poinsettias into Houston or Dallas a couple days before Christmas and what the florists with their stocks of foot-high potted poinsettias would do.

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**Choice Variety of Meats**  
High Quality — Low Prices  
**AYALA MEAT MARKET**  
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## Mrs. Alberta Kirby Hostess to Choir Of Episcopal Church

BROWNSVILLE — Mrs. Alberta Kirby entertained members of the choir of the Church of the Advent (Episcopal) Thursday evening at the home of her niece, Mrs. John N. Merrill.

The affair was held after choir practice that evening. Delightful refreshments were served.

## To Visit Daughters

SAN BENITO — Mrs. Dovie E. Burns of Idabel, Okla., arrived in the Valley for a visit with her daughters, Mrs. M. A. Sanford of Earreda, and Miss Irma Burns.

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"The Merriest Christmas ever, to all our friends and patrons! . . . and when Santa stops at your home tonight may he leave all the things you're wishing for." This is the Christmas wish of M. T. (Blackie) BLACKWELL, YOUR JEWELER, and if you're one of those many patrons of his little shop in the Palace Theatre Building in McAllen, you know how sincere is this holiday greeting.

To all the friends and patrons of Kelly's Paint Store, 15 South 15th St., McAllen this Christmas greeting is extended. They also express their appreciation for the business of the past year and their wish to continue to serve their many customers.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

"When Santa climbs down your chimney tonight may his pack be filled with the gifts you want most . . . and may this holiday season be a happy one for all of you." This is the greeting of the management and staff of the MODERN SHOP, 214 S. Main St., McAllen. They also wish to thank their many patrons for the business given this firm during the past year.



## Compliments OF THE SEASON

We'd like to wish each of you all the Joys of the Yuletide Season because we feel deeply grateful to all our friends whom we have had the privilege of serving

May the New Year see the realization of your every ambition . . . and may you enjoy health, happiness and prosperity through the years to come.

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# Merry Christmas to All

To Every One--Every Where--We Extend Best Wishes From Every One In Our Organization For a Very Happy Holiday Season.

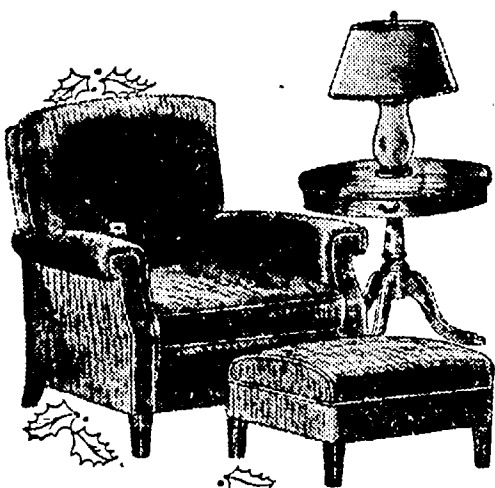
We Are Grateful For The Purchases You Have Made From Us--And For The Opportunities We Have Had To Be Of Service To You.

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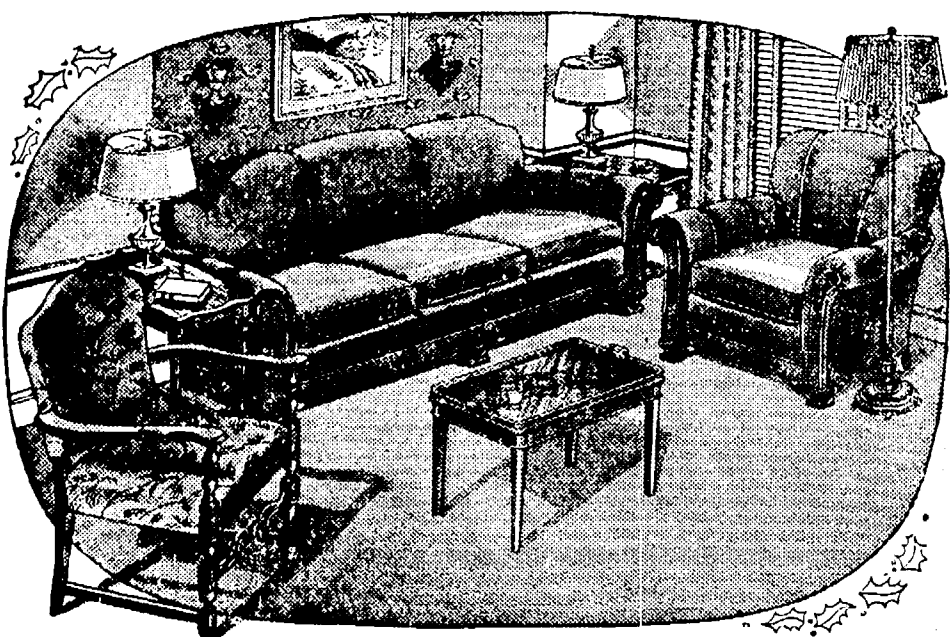
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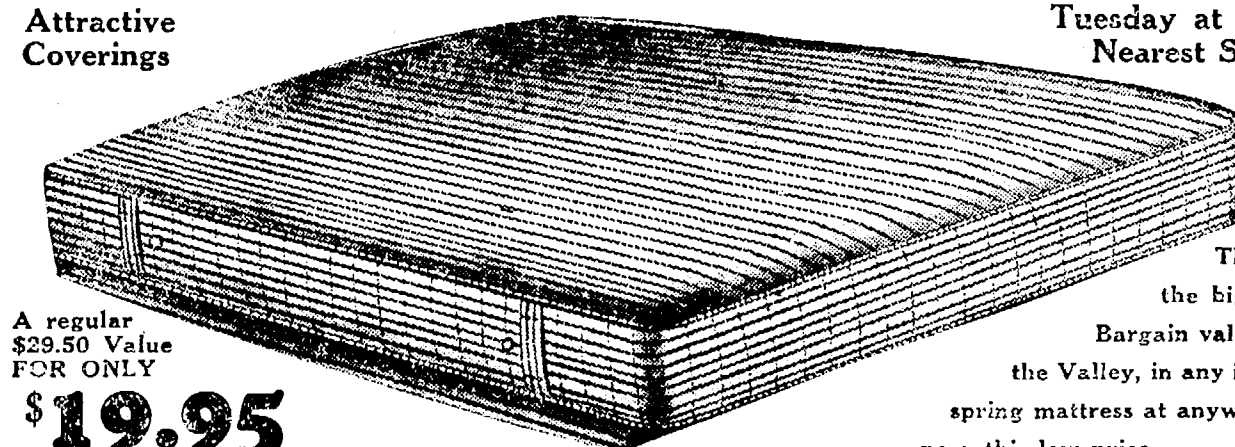
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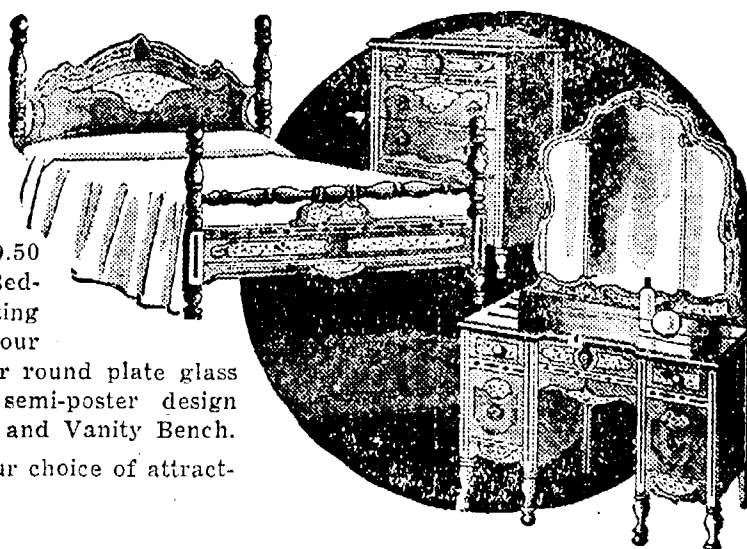
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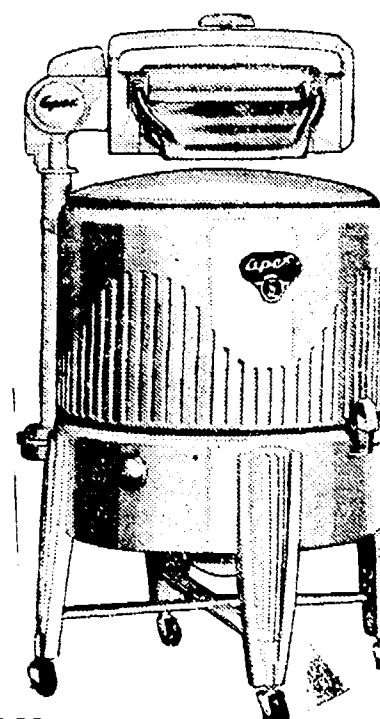
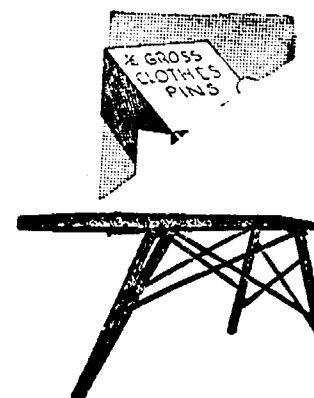
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## Polks Have Guests For Christmas

PHARR—Mr. and Mrs. Lucius J. Polk, Jr., Miss Bernice Stroudmire, of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and John Dawson of Sinton, Texas, arrived here Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Polk's mother and sisters Mrs. Virginia Polk and Misses Daisy, Virginia, Frances and Betty June Polk.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Schafroth and small son, left Friday for Groveton, Texas, where they will spend the holidays with her parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Powell, and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bass.

Miss Jerry Ferguson, arrived Friday from Austin, where she is a student at Texas University, and will spend the Yuletide season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Ferguson and son Jimmy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Goughly and daughter Maryann, left Friday for Childress, Texas, where they will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adams, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Lee of North Zulch, Texas, are expected to arrive Sunday, to spend the holidays with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Avery.

## Mrs. Robert Wagner Overton



Mrs. Robert Wagner Overton of Little Rock, Arkansas, is shown above in the lovely wedding gown she wore at her marriage Thursday in Brownsville. She is the former Miss Sammy Lane Becker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Becker and granddaughter of Mrs. G. E. Nance of Brownsville. Mr. Overton, son of Dr. M. C. Overton, and Mrs. Overton of Lubbock, is a medical student at the University of Medicine where they will make their home temporarily.

## Miss Barber Entertained By Betas

BROWNSVILLE—Miss Charlotte Barber was delightfully surprised Friday when members of her sorority, the Beta Sigma Phi, entertained her with a surprise luncheon at Landrum's.

The table decorations carried out a Mexican theme, and was centered with a Yule log holding red tapers. Place cards, marking the places for the honoree and the members were especially clever, and depicted imaginary incidents in the married life of the honoree and her fiancé, J. B. Secrest.

Each member also gave the honoree a piece of advice, told in rhyme. Miss Barber was presented with a gift of silver marked with the Greek letters of the sorority.

Attending were Misses Elizabeth Browne, Miriam Bray, Mary Patrick, Mary Mason, Jeanine Wortman, and Mesdames Harvey E. Nichols and John Dutro.

## Former Donna Girl Will Become Bride On Christmas Day

DONNA—Miss Jeanette Pritchard, formerly of Donna but who has been teaching in Borger for a year and a half, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Pritchard north of Donna. She left Wednesday for Brooklyn, New York, where on Christmas Day she will be married to Michael Ference, who is connected with the American Can Company in Brooklyn.

The wedding will be very quiet with the bride wearing a light blue street suit with burgundy accessories and a white corsage.

## Officers Are Named By Alamo Ladies Aid

ALAMO—Mrs. E. C. Phillips was presented at the meeting of the Ladies Aid of the Community Church on Thursday, when she read "The Tapers, Twinkle Fair". Mrs. Effie Roe sang a solo accompanied by Mrs. J. C. McCrory.

The regular election of officers for the coming year was held with the following being named: president, Mrs. Henry Toothaker; vice president, Mrs. W. D. Whalen; second vice president, Mrs. Park; secretary, Mrs. Helen Wilkins; treasurer, Mrs. G. L. Cowley.

Mrs. Roe, retiring president, was hostess for the afternoon, serving fruit cakes and coffee. There were 56 members and guests present.

## Raymondville Club Has Luncheon Party

RAYMONDVILLE—The Wednesday afternoon Bridge Club held their Christmas party in the home of Mrs. C. D. Ritter. It was a co-operative luncheon with each member bringing her favorite dish. Guests were Mesdames John Fambrough, M. L. Deviney and J. E. Hudson.

Members playing were: Mesdames J. G. Caudle, B. S. Wright, I. B. Lee, Don Hightower, Gene Smith, E. M. Temme, Lud Snow, Earl Gilliland, and J. K. Smith.

## To Visit Stones

BROWNSVILLE—Arriving for a holiday visit with their daughter and mother, Mrs. Ralph W. Stone, were Mrs. Mary E. Hickman, and Miss Janice Stone. Miss Stone has been making her home in San Antonio with her grandmother while attending school here.

## Miss Sammy Lane Becker Wed to R. W. Overton In Impressive Candlelit Rites

BROWNSVILLE—In a setting notable for its beauty, Miss Sammy Lane Becker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Becker, became the bride of Robert Wagner Overton, of Lubbock and Dallas, son of Dr. M. C. Overton and Mrs. Overton of Lubbock Thursday afternoon (Dec. 21) at five o'clock.

The ceremony was read by candlelight at the First Methodist church by the pastor, the Rev. William Harry Moore.

Baskets of white gladioli were used in the altar space, and smilax and woodwardia were used in profusion throughout the church. White satin ribbons marked the aisles.

Preceding the entrance of the bride party, Mrs. John N. Merrill, accompanied at the organ by Mrs. B. P. Hardin, sang "Ave Maria," and "Because." Mrs. Hardin also played the traditional wedding music, "Bridal Chorus" from Wagner's "Lohengrin," and Mendelssohn's Wedding March. During the ceremony, the muted strains of "My Heart At Thy Sweet Voice" added to the solemnity of the rites.

The bride entered with her brother, Murray Becker, who gave her in marriage. She was especially lovely in an Empire gown of antique ivory satin which was molded to the figure at the waist. The V-neckline and the full bodice were outlined with triple-shirred satin banding which also finished the long sleeves, slightly puffed at the shoulder and buttoned with small self-covered buttons. From the banding at the waist in the back, the skirt fell into a long train. Her veil, a finger-tip one of deep ivory illusion was caught to the head with a bow of antique brocade.

The bride carried an ivory prayer book surmounted with orchids and showered with satin ribbons and lilies of the valley. Her only jewelry was a strand of pearls, a gift of the groom.

Miss Nan Overton of Lubbock, sister of the groom, was maid of honor. Her gown was a full skirted model of aqua chiffon, made with a draped bodice, and a deep corselet. With this she wore a brief bolero of matching suede cloth encrusted with gold and a velvet turban of the same blue. Her flowers were tallisman roses.

Bridesmaid was Miss Audrey MacBlain of Dallas. Her gown of yellow chiffon was made along similar lines and her turban of velvet was in matching tones. Her bouquet was fashioned too of the tallisman roses.

Dr. Joe Rutherford of Stamford was best man to the groom and ushers were Weldon Hager of Ada, Oklahoma, Charles Jackson, Phil Overton of Austin, brother to the groom and Forrest Jones of Bryan.

The mother of the bride was handsome in a gown of Andean blue chiffon velvet, made with a shirred bodice and with the long skirt ending in a short train. Her tiny hat of black felt, finished with a veil in snood effect, was edged with flowers of blue. Her corsage was of pink roses.

Mrs. Overton, mother of the groom, was especially charming in a smart gown of black lace. Her carriage was fashioned or rancull in 60 ten tones.

Immediately following the ceremony, there was a reception for members of the two families, and only a few intimate friends at the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. G. E. Nance.

About the living room were arranged quantities of white chrysanthemums and white tapers and pink gladioli. In the dining room, the refreshment table was centered with an especially pretty arrangement of white carnations and valley lilies flanked by white tapers in crystal candelabra. From the chandelier hung a wedding bell showered with white satin ribbons and sweetheart roses. Elsewhere in the room were tallisman roses.

The wedding cake, a huge, three-tiered confection heavily embossed, was served with ice cream molded in the shape of wedding slippers. Presiding at the cake, after the bride had cut the first slice was Mrs. J. A. Nance, of Kerrville, an aunt of the bride.

Others assisting about the house were Miss Jeanne Douglas, Miss Marian Price and Miss Doris McKay.

Following the reception, Mr. and Mrs. Overton left on a honeymoon trip to New Orleans, Louisiana. They will be at home after January 1 at 915 Welch, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Mrs. Overton chose for her going away costume a wool costume suit of Viking blue. The long-sleeved dress was out on simple, smart lines, with a molded waistline. The short, matching coat, tucked at the waist, lined in the back, was ornamented with broad pieces of sheared beaver, lapel fashion, in the front, and with wide patch pockets of the beaver. Her hat was a pill box of brown felt banded with a wide-weaved straw and finished with a veil banded with lace.

The bride was graduated from the Ada, Oklahoma, high school, and attended also the Brownsville junior college where she was a member of Tau Delta Sigma. She attended Southwestern at Georgetown and while there, was pledged by Delta Delta Delta.

The groom was a student at Southwestern also, and was a Kappa Sigma there. At present he is a student at the University of Medicine at Little Rock, Arkansas, and is a member there of Phi Chi, medical fraternity.

Out of town guests for the wedding included Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hager and son, Weldon, and Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Faust, all of Ada, Oklahoma; Dr. and Mrs. M. C. Overlaha; Dr. and Mrs. Misses Nan and Ruth, of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Overton and son of Austin; Miss Mary Overton of Dallas; Miss Audrey MacBlain of Dallas; Dr. Joe Rutherford of Stamford; and Mrs. Forrest Jones of Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nance of Kerrville, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Nance of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schwab of Houston, and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Osborne of San Antonio.

## Parties Feature Of Season

McALLEN—With scores of college students and visitors in McAllen for the holiday week-end many interesting parties were planned which promise a round of fun and gaiety which started Saturday night and will close when vacation time is over.

Mrs. Margaret Horn, who recently returned from London, England, where she was at the outbreak of the current European war, will be the center of attraction Monday when the Ewing family assembles for their Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. John Ewing. Present will be Mrs. Elizabeth Ewing, Mrs. Hoyt Perry, Mrs. Horn, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ulrickson and Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Whittey of San Benito and Ned Ewing.

Mrs. Clara Finch will have her four sons with their wives at home over the Christmas week-end for a family party.

Mary Evelyn Leslie was hostess to a group of high school boys and girls at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Leslie, Saturday night for an open house.

Mrs. Anne Jo Jones will be receiving company Monday morning from 10 a. m. until noon as will the Foster Emrings.

Mr. and Mrs. Pinkney Ford will be at home to their guests Monday from 4:30 p. m. on for a few hours.

In Pharr Saturday night Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hartley were at home to the scores who called at their home. Following Hartleys' many went to the dance for which members of the Valley Little Theatre were hosts at the Casa de Palmas Hotel.

Parents of senior students of the McAllen Senior High school will be chaperones for a dance Tuesday night at the Casa de Palmas hotel. An admission charge of 50 cents will be made each couple.

Friday night the University of Texas Valley club will put on their annual dance at the Casa de Palmas hotel. Alumni from the Valley are expected to attend.

## Mrs. R. J. Harris Hostess to Club

HARLINGEN—The Twin City Luncheon Club met in the home of Mrs. R. J. Harris Wednesday when members enjoyed the annual Christmas party. Gifts were exchanged.

In the games Mrs. Herndon made high and Mrs. Elmore second high. Miss Ella Mae Pope was a guest.

Members present were Mesdames E. P. Hughes, Olive Dodson, L. O. Baker, Jim Perkins, C. E. Turvey, A. A. Herndon, A. W. Elmore, O. C. Baggett, Fred Houghtaling, Martin Koch, W. D. Williamson, Marie Byrd, and B. H. Jones.

## Donna Pair Visits Relatives In Uvalde

DONNA—Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Scott left Saturday for Uvalde to spend Christmas with Mr. Scott's sister, Mrs. Nell Gilligan and her family. Mrs. Scott returned Wednesday after a brief visit in Huntsville with her brother, S. S. Graham, a professor at Sam Houston State Teachers College. She was accompanied by her daughter, Miss Mary Scott, who is a student at Sam Houston State Teachers College, and her son, Mr. Scott, who is a student at the University of Texas at Austin.

## Gilliland Home Setting For Party

RAYMONDVILLE—The Thursday Morning club met for breakfast with Mrs. Earl Gilliland followed by games of bridge.

Members playing were Mesdames Harry Douthett, Gorman Fox, John Fambrough, Geo. Bennack, Roger Robinson, Harry Shapir. Guests were Mesdames Don Hightower, Lawrence Brenner, C. D. Ritter, Mrs. Roger Robinson made high score.

The Christmas theme was predominant in decorations.

## Christmas Meeting Held In La Feria

LA FERIA—The American Legion Auxiliary was hostess to Legionnaires at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Vigness Tuesday night. Mrs. Lloyd C. Elliott, president, assisted. Mrs. Wendie Sanders sang Brahms "Lullaby." Mrs. Vigness played a Christmas Medley and the group joined in singing carols.

Gifts were exchanged and the hostesses served coffee and Christmas cakes.

## Society Calendar

HARLINGEN  
Monday  
Thursday  
7:30 p. m. Lutheran Ladies Aid sponsors annual Christmas party for St. Paul's congregation at Wahler Building on Tyler St.  
8 p. m. V.F.W. Auxiliary meets at the home of Mrs. Lella Millard, 113 N. Fourth St.

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## Dance Togs



With a smart black velvet hooded wrap topping her chic evening gown, Miss Sara Chidlow, member of the Junior Service League of McAllen, takes a final peek at the ensemble she will wear to the League dance Wednesday night at the Blue Moon Club. Noted for the clever clothes she always wears, Miss Chidlow will be one of the League members who will sell the men tricky flower boutonniers at the dance.

## Tourists Celebrate Anniversary

McALLEN—Feting Mr. and Mrs. Marine Halla on their 40th wedding anniversary, winter visitors at the A. B. C. Trailer Park entertained with a party Wednesday night.

Over 100 guests attended the event which was highlighted by a mock wedding and closed with a dance.

Gifts were exchanged by the guests, grouped around a huge Christmas tree, the gift of Dr. and Mrs. Tracy of Anderson, Ind., for this occasion.

Participating in the mock wedding, in which men played two women's roles and vice versa, in appropriate costumes were: Bride Frank Kracklan; groom, Mrs. R. M. Spielman; best man, Mrs. E. M. Plantz; bridesmaid, Miss N. Franklan; bride's father, Mrs. N. Franklan; flower girl, Edward Platz; ring bearer, Richard Spielman; preacher, Dr. D. D. Rider; musician, B. Rostalsky.

Also appearing on the program were Carol Spielman and Marilyn Gahn in a tap dance routine; reading, M. E. Spielman.

Arrangements for the big event the largest enjoyed to date by the tourists group at the park, were: food, Mrs. Wallace Hawkins; program, Mrs. Douglas Gahn; gifts, Mrs. Judy Clarke, Mrs. Pauline Hansen and Mrs. Tracey.

## Wallace Hawkins, Children Guests In Brownsville

BROWNSVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. Hugh M. Johnston have as their guests for the holidays, Mrs. Johnston's sister, Mrs. Wallace Hawkins, and their children Pat, Harriet and Charles, all of Dallas. The visitors arrived Saturday. The two girls, Misses Pat and Harriet will visit also in the Ralph W. Stone home with Misses Jean and Janice Stone.



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## College Students Arrive

BROWNSVILLE—Among the students home for the holidays is Miss Ann Tandy who arrived Saturday from Baylor University at Dallas to spend the Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Tandy.

Miss Carabelle Merrick returned to her home here Thursday evening from Kingsville where she has been a student at Texas College of Arts and Industries. She is the daughter of Mrs. W. S. Merrick.

Bob Brewster, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Brewster, arrived Wednesday evening to spend the holidays. He is a student at Texas University at Austin.

Arriving Saturday were Miss Jeanne Magill, student at National Park college at Washington, D. C. Miss Jane Ely, student at Texas Wesleyan at Fort Worth, Jimmy Magill and Joe Kennedy, students at New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell, New Mexico. They are guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Earle Magill, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ely, and Mrs. W. E. Kennedy.

Miss Evelyn Hayes returned to her home here Friday from Denton where she has been a student at Texas State College for Women. She is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Hayes.

## Ranch Setting For Holiday Hospitalities

WESLACO—Two of the season's lovely Christmas parties had for their setting the Rocking Chair Ranch south of Weslaco.

Dr. and Mrs. E. L. McCallip and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Turner were hosts for the earlier event which named Mr. and Mrs. Lester Webber as honor guests.

The fireplace was beautifully decorated with Norwegian spruce and pine cones and the mantel, banded with Spanish moss, held eleven red candles burning in brass holders. Moss also was draped with Christmas bells about the windows which framed the eight foot Christmas tree.

The porch was gay with colorful marigolds and the refreshment tables were festive with poinsettias. Cookies in the shape of wreaths were served.

Wishes, fruit cake and other confections from a silver tray centered by a huge red candle. Serving at the round coffee tables in English style were Mrs. Gordon Kethley and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rivers.

About 60 guests were received.

Tuesday morning Mrs. McCallip and Mrs. Turner were co-hostesses for a coffee at the Rocking Chair Ranch in rooms gorgeously decorated to express the Christmas motif.

Mrs. U. S. Marshall poured at the table, prettily appointed in holiday colors. About forty friends of the hostesses enjoyed the hospitality.

## Tiptoppers Hold Christmas Party

MISSION—A gay affair was added to the holiday calendar Thursday evening when the Tiptoppers held their Christmas party at the home of Mrs. John Griffin. Gifts were exchanged around a Christmas tree and Christmas stockings favors added to the pleasure of the hospitality.

During the evening, a salad course was served with fruit cake and coffee to Misses Quita Sammons and Kathryn Hooks; Mesdames Winston Jenkins, Tom Vesels, James Wood, W. E. Wood, Charles Anderson, Ross Smiley, Harry Keifer, R. D. Beane, and the hostess.

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## Traffic Death Mars Record For McAllen

McALLEN—The death of S. C. (Dad) Nolin, 63-year-old night watchman, was recorded in Hidalgo county highway patrolman as an auto accident fatality, thus erasing McAllen's chances—at the last minute—of going through the year without a fatal car crash within its confines.

## COUNTY WINS COURT AWARD

### Old Hidalgo Decision Is Reversed

EDINBURG—Four judgments totaling \$1845.186 were awarded Hidalgo County and three of its political subdivisions Saturday in district court here in a decision which reversed a similar court's action in 1929.

Originally the Browne Land and Cattle Company and others sued the county for certain funds which a district court 10 years ago awarded the firm. The county in turn paid the judgment, but in later litigation the state revived the case by filing an injunctive petition on the claim that the 1929 award was illegal.

The court action Saturday dismissed the Browne firm and others as defendants, granting the county judgment against the American Indemnity Company, surety for O. E. Jones, who served as tax collector when the 1929 judgment was filed. The four judgments included \$11,494.48 to the county, \$4,524.40 to the Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1, \$1,604.19 to Hidalgo County Road District No. 1 and \$771.09 to Common School District No. 14. Attorney for the surety firm filed notice of appeal.

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Secretary of the Interior Ickes said Friday an investigation had disclosed indications of irregularities in the bureau of fisheries which, if proved, might lead to drastic reorganization.

Captain Truett Jordan of the patrol exhibited the official list of traffic deaths for the year and Nolin's was among them. Earlier, city officers had contended the death would not be counted against the city's traffic record since Nolin was released from the municipal hospital after a day's treatment. He was knocked down last Saturday by a car driven by a McAllen youth. He was out of the hospital for a few days but his physician ordered his return, saying his condition was critical. Nolin died Wednesday.

Funeral services will be held at the Kreidler chapel at 2 p. m. Sunday for Nolin. Rev. Le Grand Pace will officiate, and interment will be at Rose Lawn cemetery. Pallbearers will be L. F. Womeldorf, Tom S. Bryan, Noah Cannon, George Wiederhold, E. Paul Jones and Dr. M. H. Laycock, all of McAllen.

Nolin had lived here for 25 years. He was a private night watchman for local merchants, and was one of the most picturesque characters in the city. The McAllen fatality leaves only Harlingen and San Benito among larger cities of the Valley without a traffic death this year.

## Sign Is Built

### McAllen Seeks More Mexican Travel

McALLEN—Measuring 10 by 20 feet, a new sign board advising travelers returning from Mexico to route themselves by McAllen was erected last week by the McAllen Chamber of Commerce on the Reynosa-McAllen road.

The sign reads: "McAllen—shortest route north—left seven miles—tourist camp, hotel, fun center." The sign was built under direction of a special committee named by President E. A. Polzin including Van E. Cook, Dick Harris, C. H. Britton and Jack Lomax.

## UNION SEEKS MEMBERSHIPS

### Valley Masons Are Organizing

BROWNSVILLE—The next meeting of the newly formed Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers International Union, No. 30 Local, Brownsville, will be held here on the night of January 3, beginning at 8 p. m. It has been announced by officials. This union is also open to cement finishers, tile setters, painters and terrazo workers.

The newly organized American Federation of Labor affiliate, said to be the only union for masons in the Valley, is planning a Valley-wide membership campaign.

Officers of the organization are Sam Nauman, president; Walter Williams, vice president; William Millholen, treasurer; Arthur Lejune, secretary; Lee Trimble, deputy; O. D. Alexander, alternate deputy; and Fred Cornejo, door-keeper.

Back in the boom construction days of the late 20s, there were mason unions at Brownsville and McAllen, but these were disbanded during the depression, masons state. Some few of the craftsmen transferred their memberships to the Corpus Christi local, but this arrangement has not proved entirely satisfactory to skilled workers in the Valley who wanted their own union, officers state.

Many state and federal jobs in this area have gone to outside union men because of lack of a local in the Valley, it is said. Most federal and state projects use only union men on skilled jobs.

Workers interested in joining the Valley local should contact Arthur Lejune, Box 979, Brownsville, or attend the meetings which will be held on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

The wage scale has been set at \$1 per hour to concur with prevailing wages in this area, and there will be no increase without 90 days notice to contractors, officers of the union state.

The charter will be closed January 18. Initiation fees up to that time are \$10.65 and thereafter they will be \$25 or more.

## Christian Church To Present Christmas Play



"The Empty Room," a Christmas play by Mary F. Hamilton is to be presented at the First Christian Church of Harlingen Sunday at 8 P. M. The cast as shown in the photograph includes, seated, left to right, Glatha Mahoney, Lillian Hamilton, Robert Rowell; standing, Paul Veal, Bob Veal, and Folk Hornaday.

## A Real Bonus

### Three Months Pay Is Given Workers

VICTORIA—(AP)—Down here in this part of South Texas, where the millionaires get in each other's way, a Christmas bonus was declared Saturday to top all bonuses.

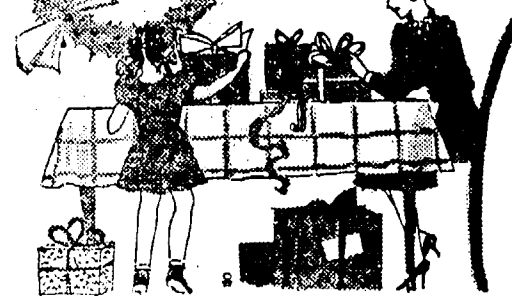
Three months' pay for each employee was the Christmas present

from the Victoria Bank and Trust Company, which asserts it was the first business institution in the country to award bonuses.

The bank has paid off at Christmas since 1912. President J. V. Vanderbergh reported business for the bank the best in its history. In addition to the bonus, the bank declared a five per cent semi-annual dividend for stockholders.

Atmosphere ends at an altitude of about 10 miles at the equator and, at the north and south poles, at an altitude of about six miles.

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## Dafoe Asks Relief From Guardian Job

CALLANDER, Ont.—(AP)—Dr. Allan Roy Dafoe said Saturday that he had been trying for two years

to be relieved of his duties as legal guardian to the Dionne quintuplets, whose physician he has been since their birth.

The flea spreads bubonic plague by carrying it from rats to man.

Best Wishes For A

## Merry Christmas



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## Happy New Year

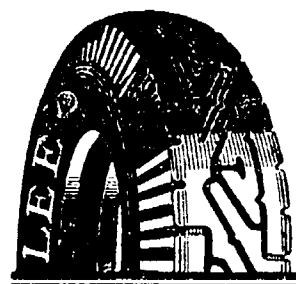
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Miss Mary Frances Seago



Miss Barclay Bogel



Teage Photo

Miss Barbara Ruth Green



Miss Wanda Powell

Eight of the eleven attractive college girls home for the holidays who were honored for the Texas A. & M. College Christmas dance Saturday night at Miller's Grill are presented in the photos above. Included in the group of honorees were Miss Wanda Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Powell, student at Brownsville Junior College; Miss Mildred McHenry, Weslaco, who is attending Edinburg Junior College; Miss Frances Nixon, Southwestern University; Miss Sue Helen Treon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Treon, San Benito and student at Our Lady of the Lake, San Antonio; Miss Barbara Ruth Green, student at Mary-Hardin Baylor College and daughter of Dr. and

Mrs. J. M. Green, Harlingen; Miss Leelee Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Scott Brown, San Benito, and student at Texas A. & I. College, Kingsville; Miss Mary Frances Seago, University of Texas student and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Seago, Brownsville; Miss Rosabelle Ragin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Ragin, Elginburg, and student at Texas State College for Women, Denton; Miss Ann Tandy, Baylor University student and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Tandy, Brownsville; Miss Barclay Bogel, Brownsville, who is home from Texas Christian University, Brownsville; and Miss Lucille Eubank, McAllen, Texas Technological College, Lubbock.

## Christmas Inspiration For Meetings

McALLEN — Christmas visits of a number of people in McAllen have been made highly enjoyable by delightful parties given in their honor.

Notable among them are Mr. and Mrs. Norwin Houser of Perryville, Mr. here to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Houser.

To honor Mrs. Houser and Mrs. C. S. Youkum of Ann Arbor, Mich., who is here to visit her sister, Mrs. R. Pristoe, Mrs. H. J. Houser and her mother, Mrs. L. O. Green entertained about 100 Upper Valley socialites at a tea at the Houser home.

The house, lovely in itself, was filled with bouquets of red bougainvilleas and poinsettias in the living room. The tea table was centered with a low mound of double poinsettias on a white cloth, circled with a wreath of silver pine cones. On the buffet was a miniature Christmas tree, also silvered.

Guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. Ronald Zachman; in the dining room were Mesdames J. E. Leslie, R. D. Cox, Lee Green, F. E. Osborn, while Mrs. Henley Ballinger and Mrs. J. B. Ashcraft were hostesses in the living room.

Wednesday night Mr. and Mrs. Houser of Nacurro were guests of honor when Mrs. R. D. Cox entertained with a bridge party in their honor.

Here, too, the Christmas theme was beautifully accented. With the visitors given gifts by their hostess, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Marshall won high prizes and Mr. and Mrs. Al Weil, bingo.

Others present were Messrs. and Mesdames H. J. Houser, M. C. Brown, J. H. Phust, and C. C. Pope. Mrs. A. A. Bonneau's mother, Mrs. G. D. Richardson of Venice, Calif., here to spend the holidays with her daughter and family was feted when the Ace-Hi Bridge club were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Caldwell.

Marking the annual Christmas party of the social club, the decorative touches were those of the season.

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Duncan were winners of high prizes in the games following dinner. Others present were Messrs. and Mesdames Bonneau, Horner Isenberg, and Mrs. Guy Johnson.

## Kieschnicks Leave For Family Reunion

HARLINGEN — Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kieschnick left Saturday for Winchester, Texas to spend four days with their daughter Mrs. E. H. Rathgeber, Rev. Rathgeber and children. They will be joined by their two sons, Edgar and Martin Kieschnick and the latter's wife, for the holiday weekend in Winchester.

## Coming For Reunion

HARLINGEN — Mr. and Mrs. Tony Butler on San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carlson of San Antonio, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jennings, of Marshall, Texas are to arrive at the weekend to spend the Christmas holidays in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Jennings, student at Carnegie Tech, arrived last week.

## Methodist Circle Holds Last Meet

McALLEN — Mrs. R. Ralston was hostess at her home with Mrs. C. J. Fink for the last meeting of the year for circle two of the Methodist Missionary Society.

On a program planned by Mrs. Alfred Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gartland and Dorothy Murray gave a reading and a sketch of the review of the world outlook was presented by Mrs. Myers.

The supper will be held at 10 o'clock and dancing will begin at midnight to continue until four o'clock in the morning.

Only major event in Brownsville on New Year's Eve, the affair is arousing much interest, and table reservations at the hotel are mounting daily.

Tickets for the event, selling for three dollars per couple, may be secured from any of the members, and table reservations should be made at the hotel.

Noise-makers, confetti, and serpentine confetti, horns and other novelties, will be for sale, so that the New Year may be hailed with traditional glee.

Mrs. Larry Lightner, chairman of the ways and means committee, heads the committee in charge. The funds will go to further the League's work among the underprivileged children.

## Christmas Party Honors Children

PHARR — The Edinburg circle of the Episcopal Church of Pharr entertained the church school children at a Christmas party on Wednesday afternoon at the Parish House. Gifts were exchanged by the guests around the large Christmas tree.

Bibles were presented for attendance prizes by Rev. W. W. Stewart. Miss Lucy Ringland directed games for the afternoon.

## Excursion Is Made To Old Salt Lake

RAYMONDVILLE — Students of the eighth grades had a winter roast at Salt Lake Wednesday afternoon. Sponsors for the party were Mesdames R. E. Harding, W. P. Brownfield, F. T. Dodd, and Lennie Wood, Leighton Smith and Clayton Dodd.

The party left town at two and spent the afternoon exploring the region of the lake.

## Joint Party Held

EDCOUCH — Members of the Delta Legion Post and Auxiliary held their annual Christmas party Monday night at the community club house. After a program gifts were exchanged.

TO ARRIVE SUNDAY  
LYFORD — Miss Evelyn Shoukist of Temple will arrive Sunday to spend two weeks visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Shoukist.

## Service Club Gives Annual Yule Party

LOS FRESNOS — Notable among the lovely Christmas parties in Los Fresnos was the annual Christmas event observed by the Service Club Thursday afternoon at the country home of Mrs. Noel Ryall of Bay View, Gay poinsettias and clusters of holly formed the attractive decoration. On a small table in the reception hall was arranged a scene furthering the Christmas theme.

The Carol, its origin and history was given by Mrs. Willard Sommers. Mrs. Harry Lupton gave an appropriate selection and poem entitled "Flowers of the Holy Land." Following the program gifts were exchanged from a large well lighted Christmas tree, under the supervision of Mrs. Harold Pugh.

Guests present were Mesdames A. R. Nelson of Union, New Jersey, E. E. Warnke of South Orange N. J., P. K. Blackburn, A. W. Schaffer, F. W. Blow, Long View, Harold Hollon of San Benito, G. J. Weikel Los Fresnos, O. C. Gaskill, of Port Isabel, J. E. Flora of Camden Ohio, Wm. Andresen of Los Fresnos, Lillian Brannen of Bay View, E. C. Kisman of Bay View, Miss Fairy Cutler.

Members were Mesdames S. E. Barr, C. Buchen, R. Carlson, L. Carroll, E. W. and C. B. Chase, N. G. Chatelle, Ed Hockaday, Leon Hinkley, Frank Kretz George Laakso, Harry Lupton, Joseph Nestelir, W. C. Oliver, Maud Palmer, Harold Pugh, F. E. Rogers, H. Sommers, D. F. Steele, F. Williams, H. Whipple, F. C. Miller, E. A. Olsen, A. Farney, H. L. Leach, G. C. Greer, E. A. Oliver, Hall Palmer, J. I. Grunwald, Kenneth Bland, Walker, Misses Geneva Palmer and Ethel Gammon.

## Mrs. J. Crowell Is Hostess to Class

WESLACO — Mrs. J. Crowell entertained the Althean class of the Baptist church Thursday afternoon at a Christmas party which had poinsettias and a tree for decorative interest. Mrs. C. L. Burton, president, was in charge.

Twelve members and two guests enjoyed the afternoon. A pretty Christmas plate was served.

## Go to Austin

BROWNVILLE — Departing Sunday for Austin, to spend the holidays with Mrs. James Clark Campbell were Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Morris, who will be joined there by Mr. and Mrs. Keith Williams of New Orleans, Louisiana, former Brownsville residents. The Morris plan to be away about a week.

## Club Has Party

LA FERIA — Annual Christmas party of the Home Demonstration club with husband and children as special guests was held Monday night at the Legion Hall. A Christmas program was presented and gifts were distributed by Santa.

## From Georgetown

HARLINGEN — Mr. and Mrs. John Cluck and son, John, Jr. of Georgetown are expected to arrive Saturday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. George Wright.

## Sanford-Burns Nuptials Read In San Benito

SAN BENITO — Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Irma K. Burns, daughter of Mrs. Dovie E. Burns of Idabel, Okla., and Claude H. Sanford, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Sanford. The ceremony was solemnized Saturday evening December 23, at the parsonage of the First Methodist church with the Rev. L. J. Dode, officiating.

Only a few members of the families were present for the simple service.

For her wedding Mrs. Sanford chose a gold alpacas frock, made with tiny tucks in front and the skirt flaring into fullness in the back. Her accessories were burnt sugar and her corsage was of roses in a bronze shade.

After the ceremony a turkey dinner was served at the home of the bridegroom's parents. Covers for eight were placed at a table laid with white linen. Two tall white tapers and poinsettias made a pretty setting for the huge Lady Baltimore cake which was cut by the bride.

The dinner event also celebrated the sixth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Mack A. Sanford.

Mrs. Sanford is a sister of the bride. Guests seated for the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Sanford, Winford, Raymond, Roy and Cecil Sanford, the bride couple and Mrs. Dovie E. Burns of Idabel, Okla., mother of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford will make their home in Corpus Christi where he is employed by Central Power and Light Company.

## Bridge Party Pretty Event Of Weekend

SAN BENITO — One of the most delightful affairs of the season was the party Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Mary Anderson Foehner.

Guests included members of her Thursday Contract Club. Wreaths of holly and Brazilian peppers decorated the rooms. Red tapers in brass holders and red roses were placed at vantage points.

The pretty Christmas tree held a gift for each member. Table were laid with cloths in the gay Christmas colors and the refreshments served upon the arrival of the guests stressed the holiday motif.

When playing ended Mrs. E. O. Seiser held high and received a pretty award. Those attending were Mesdames A. M. Harvey, Jesse Carter, L. E. Eickelberger, Tol Boswell, Ted Fuller, George Reid, and E. O. Seiser.

## Alamo Sunshine Club Names New Officers

PHARR — Mrs. C. L. Vandever was hostess for a delightful Christmas party featuring an elaborate decorated tree at her home north of here Tuesday afternoon. Guests were members of the North Alamo Sunshine club.

Following the distribution of gifts, a show for the Sunday Glen Home was held. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Mrs. Chris. Schobert, president; Mrs. William Winch, vice president; and Mrs. Lyle Dye, secretary treasurer.

## Holiday Party Held By Bluebonnet Club

HARLINGEN — The Bluebonnet Club of Stuart Place met at the home of Mrs. Hilbert Engelbrecht Wednesday afternoon for a Christmas party. Poinsettias and boughs were placed in a large basket and Christmas greens and ornaments decorated the other rooms.

The meeting opened with Mrs. L. A. Cary reading the Bible story of the birth of Jesus. Group singing of "Silent Night" was followed by prayer by Mrs. Paul Lane.

After the business meeting presided over by the president, Mrs. J. J. Garrett, gifts were exchanged from the lighted Christmas tree.

## Raymondville Club Has Study Meeting

RAYMONDVILLE — The Raymondville Study Club had as hostess on Tuesday afternoon Mrs. G. Caudle. Mrs. O. P. Knipp presided as president.

## S. Benito Couples Hosts

SAN BENITO — One of the large affairs of the holiday season was the dance given Friday night at Miller's Grill at Barreda by host group including Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dodds, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Shoe-maker, and Mr. and Mrs. P. J. DeGuerrin.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Franke, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hugon, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Treon, Mrs. Eleanor Mae Callahan, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harris, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard March, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. Sim Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Flint Harris, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Al Lamm.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Othel Bigham, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mack, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wenkstern, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. McAllister, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. East, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Elliott, Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. L. Byrd, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. David Miller, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Boswell, Mr. and Mrs. George Hall, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Agar, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bowie, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brady, Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Casey, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sublett.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barber, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Vinsant, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Theime, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Gary, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Polzin, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Morris, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Ogden, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bohner, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Housewright, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Russell, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Barmore, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Marshbanks, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Fuller.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley McConnell, Col. and Mrs. Geo. Reid, Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Cash, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wedegartner, Mr. and Mrs. Van Don Wedegartner, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones, Mr. and Mrs. I. V. Jolly, Dr. and Mrs. Neal D. Monger, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Harvey, Mr. Robert Reid, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Anderson, Miss Winston Cooke, Miss Zella O'Brien, Miss Celeste Long, Miss Doris Erwin, Miss Margaret Fleming, Mrs. Grace Cowden, Mrs. Mary Anderson Foehner.

Mrs. Mary Landrum, Mrs. R. A. Plummer, Miss Pampy Haden, Joe Taylor, Jack Cook, Bryan Long, George Deter, Ware McCall, W. S. Adkins, Herbert Buesling, Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Casey Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Harvey, Miss Flossie Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Stewart, Dr. E. R. Seiser, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Agar, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McAnilly, Miss Betty Bowie, Dabney Plummer, Ezra Dodson, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Motheral, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Koontz.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Downs, Mr. and Mrs. Don Mounts, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Epstein, Dr. Jacobine Kruze, Miss Mayme, Coridan, Lu Elsie Nagel, Miss Zona Scafe, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bowie, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Cline, San Benito.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Sigler, McAllen, Mr. and Mrs. C. Harbo, Pharr, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schlichter, Pharr, Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Phoebe, Victoria, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hill, Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Dill, Mission, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pelikan, Brownsville, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Gallaher and Dr. and Mrs. John Crockett, Harlingen, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hinkley, Corpus Christi, Dr. and Mrs. John Kirby, Harlingen, Mr. and Mrs. U. C. Crawl, Los Fresnos, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Overstreet, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Puckett, Brownsville, Miss Edith Horkman, McAllen, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Koger, Harlingen.

Dr. and Mrs. U. S. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Burt McKeenham, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Colton, Mr. and Mrs. J. Taylor, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Thomas, Frank White, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Skaggs, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. Judson Friday, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Schwedes, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rives, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Buss, Robert Skaggs, Dr. and Mrs. E. L. McCalep, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ratcliff, Miss Joana Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Potts and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Koster, all of Weslaco; Mr. and Mrs. Lon Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Art Goolsby of Brownsville.

## Mrs. Closner Goes

BROWNVILLE — Departing Sunday for McAllen where she will spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Griffin and family, was Mrs. John Closner. Mrs. Closner will spend the New Year in Edinburg with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lipscomb. She plans to return home after about ten days.

## Parents Are Guests

HARLINGEN — Miss Sylvia Pistorius, Harlingen faculty member, has as her guest for the holidays her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David I. Pistorius of Blue Mound, Ill. They expect to depart about January 1.

## Miss Watson Goes

BROWNVILLE — Miss Marjorie Watson, special representative of the informational service of the USHA of Washington, departed Thursday for Wichita Falls, after spending two days here. Miss Watson will return to Brownsville in the early part of January.

## Red, Green Colors Afford Decoration

EDCOUCH — Members of the Fidelis Class were delightfully entertained with a Christmas party Tuesday at the home of Bill Grass. The rooms were decorated in red and green with a Christmas tree lending further interest to the setting.

Gifts were exchanged and refreshments served.

## Alpha Study Club Postpones Session

BROWNVILLE — Meeting of the Alpha Study club set for Thursday at the home of Mrs. R. A. Hightower, has been postponed until January 4. Mrs. W. B. Sudlow will be in charge of the program.

## Go to Louisiana

HARLINGEN — Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Brierley have gone to Alexandria, La. for the Christmas holidays.

## Annual Charity Ball Promises To Be Outstanding Event Of Yuletide for Upper Valley

McALLEN — Chic ladies will parade their prettiest Christmas frocks Wednesday night when the Junior Service League of McAllen will stage their second annual Charity Ball at the Blue Moon club on the highway east of Pharr.

As the climax which tops the Christmas party whirl the event is expected to draw dancers from over the Valley "since all mankind's concern is charity" with proceeds from the dance going toward supporting the league's biggest charitable venture to date, the Community House on South Sixteenth Street.

Tickets are being sold by all League members. Only 150 couple tickets, which will go at \$2 each, and 25 stag tickets, to sell for \$1.50, have been printed. Mrs. Joe Le Bow, president, said adding that when they are gone there will be no more.

Reservations may be made by telephoning Mrs. Octavio Garcia and Mrs. Frank Brady. No reservations will be taken after 5 p. m. Tuesday, Mrs. Garcia said.

Tony Valdez and his nine piece band will play for the dance. Anticipating large attendance, League members are busy collecting flowers over the weekend to make buttonholes for the gentlemen's lapels. Flowers will be sold at the dance by Mrs. Herb Kemlah and Miss Sara Childlow.

Saturday morning reservations for parties had been made by Billy Redmon, Carroll Tanner, Wilford Dean, A. C. Henley, Francis Linn LeRoy Patton, Messrs. and Mesdames J. L. Lauck of Pharr, O. P. Martin, Charles Reagan, Bob Myers, T. C. Overstreet, J. G. Roberts, R. H. Haselme, Price Riley.

Messrs. and Mesdames J. C. Anderson, J. K. Boettger, W. C. Bohannon, St. Casady, J. M. Daniels, R. T. Elmore, Scott Ford, Roy Graham, C. B. Herndon, R. H. Kamah, Ralph Langford, R. P. Miller, L. H. Moore, P. D. Moore, Jack Nelson, Harry Pederson, Roy Shamburger, O. Terry, E. B. Zey of Mission, Frank Brady and O. Garcia.

Affording special interest was the contest in making Christmas wreaths of Valley grown shrubs. In this event Mrs. J. W. Wade received the first prize; Mrs. E. H. Haire, second; and Mrs. Joe Junkin, third. The awards were purple bougainvillea plants.

Gifts were taken from the tree for each member and guest.

Mrs. E. W. Anglin poured coffee at the dining table which was distinctive with its exquisite bowl of white narcissus mingled with lighted white tapers. Angel food squares decorated in Christmas colors were served and favors were green gumdrops which made holders for tiny red candles. Assisting in serving were Mrs. J. R. Warner and Mrs. Marie Grappenhau.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames E. Blewett, Eric Kappeler, E. Mesenbring, F. Lense, R. Schroeder, C. Schroeder, Carl Schwanz, J. E. Elser, R. Sorensen, Ida Rother, V. Peterson, A. Hildebrand, Lena Norton, Paul Tilly, E. G. Dube, Louis Buck, Henry Buck, P. Rice, W. Henkel, George Schmidt, H. S. Dube, B. Hunger, F. Fienhold and Miss Meta Schroeder.

Guests were Mesdames G. N. Abrego, W. C. Becknase, Walter Lindenberg, Bertha Lindenberg, Henry Bente, Albert Handke, Anna Welande, B. Windigber, S. T. Allen, Howard Handke, H. B. Meisler, Louis Schulte, H. Kettler, John Bente, S. Kieschnick, Misses Josephine Handke and Yvonne Becknase.

## Bradys Are Hosts For Dinner Bridge

SAN BENITO — Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brady entertained members of their bridge club Wednesday night with a dinner at the Stonewall Jackson.

Guests were seated at one long table laid with white and centered with a large bowl of poinsettias, with Brazilian pepper branches placed along the center of the table. Following the dinner, games of bridge were played at the Brady home, which was decorated in keeping with the holiday season.

When play ended, Mrs. George Reid and E. E. Ogden made high. Comical gifts were exchanged among the members.

Members attending were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carter, Col. and Mrs. George Reid, E. E. Ogden, R. J. East, W. J. Vinsant, Tol Boswell, Ed Brady, Knox Smith and Stanley Dodds.

## DeMolays Guests Of Rainbow Girls

HARLINGEN — After the regular meeting of the Harlingen Rainbow Assembly this week in the Masonic Hall, DeMolay members were entertained and a program was presented.

An accordion duet by Eleanor Reeves Crockett and Mrs. Harry C. Davis. Other present were Betty Louise Sanford were enjoyed.

W. H. Johnson told a brief history of the DeMolay organization and of the Dr. W. O. Williams chapter.

## Guests of Walker

BROWNVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walker have as their guests for the holiday season Mr. and Mrs. Harry O. Steyer of Oklahoma City, and Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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## Parties Herald Season

McALLEN — With the round of social events in McAllen taking on new emphasis at the approach of Christmas several prominent parties were given here at the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fritz with Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Rankin were hosts to a number of friends at a buffet bridge dinner Thursday evening at the Fritz home.

The pretty colors of the women's smart dinner frocks added smart accent to the decorative Christmas scheme. Centering the table was a gay arrangement of silvered foliage on a reflector mirror. Elsewhere red poinsettias and roses were used.

With prizes won for various divisions of the bridge games by practically all the guests, high prize for women was won by Mrs. Homer Gunn; men, H. H. Damme; bingo, Mrs. Holland Wallace and Homer Gunn.

Others present were Messrs. and Mesdames Frank Barthel, J. E. Loftis, J. P. King, L. H. Moore, Damme, Wallace, J. L. Boeliger.

Mrs. Brown also entertained the Wednesday Bridge Club at her home with a luncheon Wednesday when a gift exchange featured the entertainment followed by bridge.

High score winner was Mrs. C. J. Fittz. Present were Mesdames P. O. Swain, Horace Etchison, Floyd Kite, O. P. Martin, C. H. Britton and Lee Hart.

## Pharr Girl Scouts Enjoy Jolly Party

PHARR — A delightful Christmas party, featuring a glistening and gift laden tree, was enjoyed by members of the Senior and Intermediate Girl Scout Troops, at the home of their leader Mrs. June Avery, Friday morning.

Prior to the arrival of Santa Claus, impersonated by Miss Anna Mae Evans, a program of Christmas carols and readings was given. After the presentation of gifts, Miss Evans gave a humorous reading.

## Club Members Hold Annual Festivity

WESLACO — Mrs. Bell Cook was hostess for a party Tuesday afternoon, entertaining with the annual Christmas party for the Bluebonnet club. Mrs. Clyde Young scored award and Mrs. Ordell Robertson was an afternoon guest.

Exchange of gifts from a decorated tree lent added pleasure. A Christmas plate was served late in the courtesy.

## Society Calendar</



# Upper Valley Students Start Civil Aviation Training Work

## Admits Killings



Charles Garner, above, serving a life sentence in Missouri State prison for drowning his young wife last summer, confessed to Warden Scott that he killed three men, two in Nebraska and one in Missouri.

## M'ALLEN ADDS OIL FAMILIES

### 27 Brought To City By Humble

McALLEN—The last of 27 families brought to McAllen by the Humble Oil & Refining Company for the drilling of its new deep well southwest of the city have now arrived and are located. D. O. Holder, district clerk and office manager here for the firm, announced Saturday.

Most of the group came from Victoria and the new community of Hyster near there, while a few are from Freer and other South Texas points.

The firm has succeeded in comfortably housing all of the newcomers, and work on the well is under way. A. M. Orr is drilling superintendent at the wellhead, which has attracted wide attention in South Texas because of its location on the virgin 4,000-foot Rio Bravo prospect and the depth to which it will be drilled, at least 10,000 feet.

Arrival of the Humble families marks the largest influx of such a group here in several months.

### Service Clubs Meet Jointly At Mercedes

MERCEDDES—All of the three service clubs in the city held a joint meeting this week for a special Christmas program. The Grammar School Choral Club presented several Christmas carols under the direction of Miss Ala Mae Hudson. The principal speaker for the meeting was the Rev. W. W. Stearns, pastor of the Christ Episcopal Church of this city, who delivered a Christmas talk to approximately 75 members. The meeting was presided over by Beverly Caldwell, vice president of the Kiwanis Club. Visitors included E. F. Pepper, Kiwanian, from Weslaco, and Luther Snow, Kiwanian, from Raymondville.

## TEN ENROLLED FOR EDINBURG COLLEGE UNIT

### Training Will Take Place At McAllen

McALLEN—Ten students of Edinburg Junior College began receiving flying instruction here Saturday from Walter H. Fullwood under the Civil Aeronautics Authority.

Fullwood was appointed as instructor for the Upper Valley school by the CAA. Captain M. L. Clark and Clifford Condit of Houston, CAA officials, informed Fullwood Thursday he had been selected for the job.

The instruction work is to be completed 30 days before school closes at Edinburg. A new Cub trainer, powered with a Franklin 50 motor will be used for the flying instruction, Fullwood said. The students will receive three hours of time a week in periods of 30 minutes each.

The schedule has not yet been worked out by school officials, but it is thought most of the training work will be done in the afternoon.

Ground school courses are being conducted at Edinburg and will be supplemented by Fullwood's work. Les Mauldin is instructor for the program at Brownsville for the junior college there.

New hangars are being constructed at the McAllen airport and will provide space for 10 planes.

## Scout Honored

### Service Award Goes To Tatroe

HARLINGEN—Service award was presented to William Tatroe, Harlingen, for service to Scouting at a social and bridge of honor gathering held Thursday night at Camp Perry by Sea Scout Ship Kenneth, Harlingen. Award was made by Skipper Ira Williams.

Ten other Sea Scouts were advanced in rank. They were Tatroe, Travis Hough, Paul Arnold, William Loven, James Broussard, Walter Altus, Dan Sears, Robert King, Don King, William Cullen and Clay Walling.

Others present for the occasion included Newton Anglin, Juanita Fields, Melrose Green, Bobby Jones, Lillian Hardy, Charlot Bell, Helen Sample, Violet Wentt, Beth Cunningham, Doris Ann Gavenda, Allan Holt, Ellen Roney, John Sheldander, Carol Holt, Betty Burke, Milton Connell, Skipper and Mrs. Ira Williams, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt.

The mixed social was held as a part of the competitive Scout program now current over the nation for designation as National Flagship. Cruise will be held in Laguna Madre December 28 and 30, and a formal ball will be held the night of December 30 at Pate's Cafe, Port Isabel, also in connection with attempt to obtain national flagship designation.

### Two Candidates File For District Posts

MERCEDDES—The names of F. O. Barr and L. V. Kiester have been filed with the Hidalgo and Cameron Counties Water District No. 9, as candidates for directors of the district board, the election of which takes place January 9, 1940.

Two places now occupied by L. V. Kiester and Ira I. Myers are to be filled in this year's election, both of whom have served for the past two years. Barr is candidate for the position held by Myers, and Kiester is seeking re-election.

### Pharr Kiwanians Exchange Gifts

PHARR—The Kiwanians held their annual Christmas party Thursday at the regular luncheon, with all exchanging gifts. The toys were turned over to the community toy committee, who will in turn distribute them to needy children Monday morning. D. U. Buckner acted as Santa Claus.

The club presented a gift to Miss Ella Beth Melton, pianist and club sweetheart.

## Christmas Cheer Served Kids



Eudocia Ceballos, right, holds out her cup appealingly to Enrique Salinas, who is shown stirring a huge pot of hot chocolate at Fourth Ward school's annual merienda Friday afternoon in Brownsville.

## OLD CUSTOM CARRIED ON

### Xmas Merienda Is School Tradition

BROWNSVILLE—When Fourth Ward's 450 school children trekked to classes Friday afternoon here they all carried cups, and had eager looks on their faces.

Hot chocolate and sweetbread were served to the children at their annual Christmas merienda, tradition of Al Mexico.

Tables filled the school yard, and were soon crowded with many of the children bringing their younger brothers and sisters, who were not even of school age.

The merienda, which means "afternoon snack," was originated at the school by the late Mrs. William S. West, and funds for it came from as far off as Mexico City.

Mrs. Emmett Goodrich, daughter

## Children Visiting In Harlingen Home

HARLINGEN—Mrs. H. A. Nash of 1213 E. Washington is enjoying a Christmas visit by all of her children, including Gladys Nash of Scott-White Hospital, Temple, Clarence Nash of Portland, Ore., Charles Nash of Seattle, Wash., Louis Nash of Houston, and a grandson, Charles Nash, Jr., of Los Angeles. They will all remain here during the coming week.

of the late Mrs. West, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sharp, all of Mexico City, and the Junior Service League, donated money.

Miss Emilia Fernandez, principal of the school, was in charge, and saw to it that every child had plenty of hot chocolate and cookies.

Crashing the "gate" were E. C. Dodd, superintendent of Brownsville schools, and Mrs. Gertrude Sharp, elementary school supervisor, who brought their cups along too. They thought the hot chocolate was swell.



May the Light of Joy and Happiness Keep Shining for You and Yours  
**McLARRY'S PHARMACY**  
HARLINGEN

## Valley Articles

### McAllen C. C. Sends Out Publicity

McALLEN—Bringing the total to 113 magazine articles sent out under the present administration of the publicity department of the McAllen Chamber of Commerce, three stores were dispatched Saturday by officials.

One of the stories exploited the tourist attractions of McAllen and the Valley while the others advertised the citrus fruit and vegetable industries.

A total of 14,000 newspaper stories have also been sent out by the chamber's publicity department.

There are 370 Smiths in the 1938-39 Who's Who.

## Starr Man Charged In Narcotics Case

EDINBURG—One of the biggest seizures of narcotics along the lower Texas border in many months was revealed Friday after Jose Maria L. Garza of Rio Grande City had been charged before U. S. Commissioner H. V. Watts here with receiving and possessing 1,422 grains of morphine.

## Arizona Man Faces Charge Of Burglary

EDINBURG—Gildardo Cedillos, 40, of Phoenix, Ariz., was charged with burglary here Friday after his return from Richmond, Texas, in connection with the disappearance of 250 pieces of men's and boys' clothing from the WPA relief office in Edinburg last week.

## A Helpful Suggestion

No gift would be more appreciated, and be of greater value to a young man or woman than a practical Course of Business Training in this Fully Accredited Business Training Institution. Enrollments are now being made for the January term commencing January First for New Classes in Gregg Shorthand, Typing, Accounting, and all necessary related subjects, including preparatory training for Civil Service Examinations. All of our finished students are now gainfully employed in responsible positions as the result of our thorough practical training.

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OUT THEY GO! Odd lots, broken sizes, incomplete assortments—VALUES—EVERY ONE! We're regrouping—repricing before taking inventory. We cannot advertise everything, but you'll find bargains in every department! Thrifty shoppers—come early!

### Repriced To Clear

#### Womens' and Misses'

## STREET DRESSES

Reduced to . . . . 200

### Repriced To Clear

#### Women's, Misses and Child'en

## SHOES

CLEAN-UP PRICE! . . . . . 100

### Remnants Tuesday morning Hundreds of Remnants of

wool goods—Silks—Woolens—Draperies and curtain

goods at unusually low prices to clear.

### PRE-INVENTORY FEATURE!

#### Women's

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#### SLIPS

Bias Cut

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Plain Tailored Style

Adjustable Straps

CLEAN-UP PRICE! . . . . . 25c

#### One-Time

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36 in. Standard

#### PERCALES

Big Assortment

Plains—Staples

and Fancies

Colorfast to Washing

CLEAN-UP PRICE! . . . . . 7 1/2c

#### One Lot Ladies' Hats

Repriced To Clear

50c

#### Women's Wash

## DRESSES

Sizes 14 to 44

Colors fast to washing

Many Styles

to Choose From

CLEAN-UP PRICE! . . . . . 33c

70x80 Plaid

## BLANKETS

5% Wool

Assorted Colors

Rose, Blue, Green, Orchid

BARGAIN PRICED! . . . . . 1.79

#### Part Wool

Single Plaid

## BLANKETS

Size 70x80

Assorted Colors

Rose, Green, Blue, Orchid

A Real Value!

CLEAN-UP PRICE! . . . . . 69c

#### One Lot

Men's Dress

## PANTS

Not all sizes but a real

value, if you can get

you size.

PRICED TO CLEAR! . . . . . 2.00

#### 80 Square

Dress Prints

Big Assortment

To Choose From

All Colorfast

Priced . . . . . 12c Yd.

#### Best Value

25% Wool

#### Single Blankets

Solid Colors

Green, Orchid, Rose

Blue, Burgundy

CLEAN-UP PRICE! . . . . . 87c

## PRE-INVENTORY Feature!

Limited Quantities!

#### Men's Dress Shirts

Hurry! You'll want a good supply at this "Remarkable Price"

CLEAN-UP PRICE! . . . . . 69c

On Lot

Plain and Figured Rayons in

CLEAN-UP PRICE! . . . . . 19c

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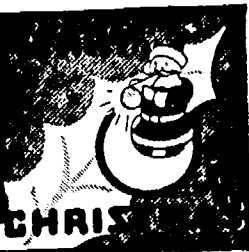
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## Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

This is the season of the year when we welcome the opportunity to renew friendships and to express our appreciation for your cooperation which has made possible a very satisfactory year for us.

May the Yuletide bring abundant joy to you and yours and may the New Year bring true health and happiness to each and every one of you.

## City State Bank & Trust Co.

McALLEN, TEXAS



## Unusual Program Presented

LA FERIA — Music and customs of Christmas in foreign lands featured the program given at the meeting of the Music club Wednesday afternoon at the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Wemple Sanders, program chairman, introduced the numbers.

Mrs. H. Lamm told of Christmas in Germany. Mrs. Lamm formerly resided in Germany and came to this country only recently.

Mrs. Becca Detert of Santa Rosa sang a German carol and was accompanied by Dr. H. Lamm. Mrs. Detert told of Christmas in her native Holland and sang a Dutch carol.

Mrs. W. C. Beasley gave "The Dance of the Candy Fairies" from the "Nutcracker Suite" and Mrs. D. S. Knight, accompanied by Mrs. L. M. Vigness, sang Schubert's "Ave Maria."

Mrs. Effie Roe, Alamo, was a special guest. Mrs. Roe is president of the Eighth District, Texas Federation of Music clubs.

In the social hour Mrs. Knight and Mrs. C. V. Sommer poured at the refreshment table attractively decorated in the season's colors.

An attractive luncheon noting the holiday season was the complement arranged by Mrs. C. E. Vall Wednesday at her home when she entertained the Child Study club. Highlight of decorations was a Christmas scene arranged on the mantel. Floor baskets of poinsettias and red tapers added to the pleasing effect.

The luncheon was served at quarter tables which had tiny baskets of candies as favors.

"My Christmas Story," a reading by Mrs. A. J. Wilson, was a pleasing feature.

Mrs. Arnold Carmon of Ohio was a guest.

## Annual Event Of Christmas Is Luncheon

HARLINGEN — Primera Home Demonstration club members held their annual Christmas party Thursday when a lovely covered dish luncheon was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Clift. Hostesses with Mrs. Clift were Mesdames Robert Allen, D. Ward, A. J. Pett, Carl Young, H. Adams, and A. C. Seabaugh.

Decorations of the home with poinsettias and fern noted the Christmas theme and appointments for the quarter tables further developed the motif. Cossages of red bougainvillea and fern were at each place.

Seated for the luncheon were 24 members and 14 guests. Guests were Mrs. Donald Monro, Chicago, Mrs. Isahah Hartzler and Miss Beulah Hartzler of Ohio, Mrs. J. E. Leach of Louisiana, Mrs. F. S. Kiehlman, Mrs. W. R. McComore, Mrs. F. M. Partridge, Miss Lu Elsie Nagel, Mrs. J. P. Wilson, Mrs. M. B. Sherwood, Mrs. V. A. Cooke, Mrs. R. M. Elmore, Mrs. F. E. Wilson, and Mrs. E. R. Criss.

Miss Nagel gave information concerning Valley Mid-Winter fair exhibits.

An exchange of gifts was carried out and games of buncos and Chinese checkers were enjoyed.

Installation of officers will be held at the first meeting of the new year.

## Miss Watson Honor Guest At Luncheon

BROWNSVILLE — Members of the Brownsville Federation of Women's clubs entertained Wednesday at luncheon at El Jardin hotel, commencing Miss Marjorie Watson, social representative of the information service of the USHA, from Washington, D. C.

The luncheon table, set in the private dining room at the hotel, was especially pretty with its red glassware and its centerpiece of poinsettias on a mirror reflector. Red tapers burned in brass candelabra.

About twelve members of the federated clubs attended.

## Childhood Time Memories Renewed At Christmas Party

McALLEN — Christmas in the little red school house was re-created Thursday when members of the Elbonnet Home Demonstration club met for their yearly Christmas party at Mrs. John G. Elser's home. All the characters taking part in the program were garbed in clothing to represent different ages and classes in the school periods. Mrs. T. H. Vanlaningham acted as teacher.

Pupils were Mesdames Marjorie Copenhaver, Pearl Kuhn, Minnie Parks, J. H. Parks, W. L. Bond, Cronk, M. Kuhn and Miss Marie Miller.

Gifts were distributed at the close of the meeting after which refreshments were served.

Guests, in addition to the 25 members present, were Mrs. Brackebush, Mrs. Lindenberg, Mrs. Bertina Lindenberg, all of Welcome, Minn., and Mrs. Bernice Lindenberg of McAllen.

## Organ Concert to Feature Carols



Miss Virginia Perry, Harlingen, is pictured at the organ where she will play a concert of Christmas carols Sunday at five o'clock in the Methodist Church. Favorite Christmas music in many lands will be interwoven into the recital. Two of the numbers presenting chimes carols have music especially arranged for this concert. Everyone is invited. (Photo by Holbrook)

## D. A. R. Meet Featured By Carol Singing

MERCEDES — Gathering in the home of Mrs. J. C. Shaw, south of Mercedes, members and guests of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, at their Christmas luncheon meeting were entertained with a musical program of carols.

The melodies were sung by a group from the Mercedes Music club, which included Mesdames H. E. Hagar, Clarence Archer, E. V. May, G. G. Eddy, R. H. Kern, J. P. Baingo, George Carnes and A. E. Branch. Mrs. Hager, Mrs. Eddy and Mrs. Carnes sang solos, with Mrs. H. T. Stoller who was in charge of the program, accompanying on the piano.

Additional guests were Mrs. Grafton Burdette of Harlingen, Mrs. G. C. Fittz of Mercedes, and Mrs. H. C. Ward of Harlingen.

The rooms were gay with Christmas decorations. Luncheon tables were centered with red candles in green holders.

Mrs. Arthur Frase, regent, gave the invocation; Mrs. R. P. Cherry led the club ritual.

The regent appointed a nomination committee to select officers to be named in January. Mrs. R. M. Winn is chairman. Mrs. Harbert Davenport, Brownsville, and Mrs. J. C. Myrick, Harlingen, are other members. The charter voted to send a contribution to Ellis Island to be used in welfare work.

Others registering were Mrs. Elson B. Smith, Mrs. F. R. George, Mrs. T. A. Williams, Mercedes; Mrs. C. A. Griffith, Mrs. Ira E. Eells, Mrs. Jack Drake, Mrs. J. B. Cooke, Mrs. C. S. Amidon, Harlingen; Mrs. Ned C. Rigby, San Benito; Mrs. C. H. de Bardeleben, Mrs. T. C. Williams, Los Fresnos.

## Raymondville Class Holds Annual Party

RAYMONDVILLE — An interesting event of the Christmas season was the annual Christmas party given by the Homemakers Sunday school class of the Baptist church at the home of Mrs. J. L. Savage. Mrs. B. R. Cole and Mrs. C. C. Hold were assisting hostesses.

An environment expressive of the Christmas season was created in the decorations. The dining table was centered by a lovely miniature tree banked with gaily wrapped packages which held a gift for each.

Mrs. W. Garrett read the Christmas story. After the games a dessert course was served. Plate favors were toy Santa Claus figures.

## Pre-Holiday Dance Is Enjoyed By Group

HARLINGEN — A gay pre-Christmas dance was enjoyed Thursday evening by the younger ballroom class at the Frances Ezell studio. Poinsettias and a decorated Christmas tree made an attractive setting.

Red and white was used for decoration of the table where punch and macaroons were served. Chaperones were Mesdames Norman Clark, Scott Macy, Joe Penry, and Emmett Anglin. Mrs. Marvin Brown was pianist.

About 30 youngsters were guests.

## GO TO ODEM

McALLEN — Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Jolly left Saturday for Odem to spend the holidays with her parents there.

## Gay Week Is in Prospect For Socialites in Mission; Open House Events Calendared

MISSION — Visit of several popular visitors in Mission during the holidays as well as the homecoming of college students has provided the inspiration for a round of social events which will enliven the usual holiday festivities.

Three of the most important affairs are named on Tuesday's calendar. Mrs. T. B. Sammons and Mrs.

Florence Hayes have chosen that day for the tea which they are giving in the early afternoon hours at the Casa de Palmas to honor two visitors. The honorees are Mrs. Roscoe Bates of Dallas and Mrs. S. C. Hoyle of Bryan, both sisters of Mrs. Sammons.

## TEA TO HONOR HOUSE GUESTS

The late afternoon hours have been claimed for the tea which Mrs. L. G. Piller, Mrs. T. W. Neithery and Mrs. Roy K. Straw are giving to honor their respective house guests. The Nethery home will provide the setting.

Tuesday afternoon at four, the Mission Girl Reserves will carry on an old tradition handed them by earlier members in the organization when they entertain with a tea to honor all former members. The tea will be given at the Legion Hall and promises to be a major social event for the younger set and their friends.

## HOMECOMING SET FOR WEDNESDAY

Wednesday's social interest for present and ex-students of Texas State College for Women will focus on the home-coming tea to be given that afternoon at the Casa de Palmas in McAllen. Since nine Mission girls are enrolled at present in the college and a proportionately large number of Mission women formerly attended the school, the event is one of special interest locally.

## OPEN HOUSE CHRISTMAS DAY

A number of Mission homes will be the scenes Christmas Day of informal open house events which will carry out traditions of several years standing. Invitations have been issued friends to attend hospitalities Christmas morning by Mr. and Mrs. A. Dondlinger will hold open house early that morning when close friends have been invited in to be with their four interesting youngsters when they receive their gifts.

## SHARYS TO ENTERTAIN DURING MORNING

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Shary have set the hours of ten to twelve Christmas morning for their open house when they will be joined by their daughter, Mrs. Allan Shivers and Senator Shivers of Port Arthur and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pattee of Luling in welcoming the guests. Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Card are holding open house during the morning as they have for several years. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Lindsay will receive friends all day from ten o'clock in the morning into the afternoon.

## Couple In Donna Observe Anniversary With Dinner Party

DONNA — Mr. and Mrs. Leo Whorton gave a delightful dinner for twelve in the Plaza Hotel, Tuesday evening to celebrate their thirtieth wedding anniversary. The long table was decorated in an unusual manner with a long golden ribbon running the entire length. In the center stood a small Christmas tree made of white candyfloss and turks cap, on a base fashioned of red gladioli. Extending to either end were tall red candles in hurricane lamps.

## Blakneys to Visit

HARLINGEN — Dr. and Mrs. Phil Blakney left at the weekend for Austin where they will be the guests of Mrs. Blakney's parents for the Christmas holidays.

## Holiday Guests Arrive

RAYMONDVILLE — Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Conley are happy in the arrival of their daughter, Miss Betty, who is a student at S. M. U. and their son, Carl, who is studying at A. and M. W. P. Conley of Frederick, Okla., father of Dr. Conley is another welcomed guest in the household.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Glarner have as their guests Mrs. Glarner's brother and family Dr. and Mrs. P. E. Harrison and son Jimmy and mother, Mrs. M. E. Harrison of Worthington, Minn., who will make an extended visit.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Chambers, Jr., will be Mrs. Chambers' sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Alexander of Yocum.

Miss Margaret Ellen Corbett, student at the Incarnate Word College San Antonio, is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Corbett through the holidays.

Misses Melba Cotney, Marcella Owens, Delaney Stephens, students in Draughtons Business college, in Houston, and Miss Dorothy Neil Parr, also wintering in Houston, are here to spend the holidays with their respective families.

Mrs. T. C. Green, principal of the Alamo School left Friday afternoon for Livingston for the holidays to visit in the home of Mrs. N. T. Green, her mother-in-law, and to see relatives. Mrs. Green will be joined by her son, Travis, student at the University of Texas.

Dr. and Mrs. Geo. Rennack have as their guests for Christmas the doctor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Rennack of Pleasanton.

## Yule Party Honors Guest In McAllen

McALLEN — David Elser, son of Rev. and Mrs. John G. Elser, recently returned from Concordia College, Austin, for the Christmas holidays was honored guest Wednesday night when his parents entertained at a party for him.

Poinsettias, mistletoe and bells added their bit to the decorative-ness of a large Christmas tree which was the center of attraction.

A program was given which included: Readings, Ruth Elser and Esther Anderson; piano solos, Albert Ehlers and daughter, Juanita; piano duet by Rev. Elser and daughter, Eunice.

An exchange of Christmas gifts closed the party.

Refreshments were served to: Alma Langkop, Victor Krause, Harland Glick, Lyle and Jerome Simson, David, Eunice and Ruth Elser, Dorothy Ailsen, Elaine, Frances and Samuel Kleschnick, Avis and Clarice Rice, Emma Nordmeyer, Emma Gene Bulver, William and Harold Dube, Selma and Julius Sorensen;

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ehlers and daughter, Juanita, Melvin Alpers Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schmidt, and son, Billy, Clifford Koch and Caroline Bender, Mr. and Mrs. R. Schroeder and son, Leonard, Esther and Ella Dube, Louise and Ella Dube, Louise and Gertrude Kunze, Edna Kappler, Clifford Floyd, Ruth and Ruby Bremer, Harold and Milford Koch, Francis Schroeder, Esther and Eileen Anderson.

## Dinner Dance Event For US Force

BROWNSVILLE — The office and field force of the pink bollworm research laboratory entertained with a Christmas dinner and party Thursday evening at Miller's Grill.

After the dinner, dancing was enjoyed throughout the evening.

Members of the force attending were Messrs. and Mesdames L. C. Fife, W. T. Hunt, H. F. Bibby, C. A. Richmond; Mrs. Ethel M. Hetrick; P. H. Sullivan, Kalton Howell, W. Dain Higdon, J. Bonner Wootton, Clyde W. Burks, Arthur Patrick, Inez Brulay, Lorene Strein, and Marcella Strein.

## Annual Custom Is Observed By Pioneer Club

McALLEN — Keeping pace with an annual custom the Pioneer club held their Christmas party Thursday at Mrs. George Bevil's home where the center of attraction was a "cookie" Christmas tree, made of tiers of delicious seasonal cookies.

Members exchanged gifts among themselves. Decorations for the affair featured bouquets of mistletoe, poinsettias and Christmas attractions.

Members present were Mesdames Fred Bevil, George Carpenter, William Reis, A. Reis, Minnie Parks, J. M. Lawrence, J. H. Beatty, Fred Mishler, Van Slyke, Arthur Wiley, J. A. Allen, E. C. Allen, A. Allen, Pospeschenske, David Gerner, W. W. Withers.

Guests were Mesdames Cliff Kozzer, G. T. Carpenter, Lockhart, Fransworth, Miller, Tinkler, Miss Mae Myers and Miss Hazel Myers.

## Sons Are Guests

HARLINGEN — Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Crown will have as their guests during the Christmas vacation their sons, Frank, a student at the Presbyterian Seminary in Austin, and George, who is a senior law student at the University of Texas.

## Holiday Guest



Miss Charlene Amidon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Amidon, Harlingen, returned Friday from Dallas where she is a student at Hockaday Junior College. Miss Amidon is expecting to visit Miss Jane Curtin in Houston and Misses Blanca and Maria Rosa de Llano in Laredo during the holidays. She will return to Dallas, January 8.

## Pharr Guests Are Arriving For Christmas

PHARR — A. R. McPherson of Thackerville, Oklahoma, has arrived to spend the Yule season with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rogers, and Mr. and Mrs. A. T. McPherson. Mrs. Rogers is his daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. McKenzie and daughter Mary Lee, left Friday for Belton, Texas where they will visit relatives during the holidays.

Miss Helen Frances City, of Ozan, Arkansas, has arrived to be the holiday guest of her uncle and aunt, Mayor and Mrs. J. D. Lauck.

Miss Ruth Smith, student at Ruth Col Schol in San Antonio, has arrived to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Wiley Smith.

Miss Eugenia Tobleman, student at Texas University, Austin, Tex. is spending the holiday season in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley T. Melton.

## Debonairs Banquet Set Thursday Night

BROWNSVILLE — Members of the Debonairs will entertain with a banquet Thursday evening, December 28, at Landrum's.

New officers for the year will be presented to the members and their guests.

## Virgin Program Topic

BROWNSVILLE — The Virgin Mary formed the topic for the Bible program at the Thursday afternoon meeting of the Junior Self-Culture club at the Hunt home when Miss Eleanor Hunt and Mrs. Frank Mathers were co-hostesses.

Mrs. Milton Overstreet was in charge of the lesson, and told how the life of the Virgin had influenced Christianity, the only religion where value is placed on women and children.

She stated that the story of Mary who played the double role of virgin and mother, was a human one. She mentioned that the virgin is often depicted with three bonds and mentioned the legend in connection with this in which John of Damascus, defending the rights of the Virgin, lost an arm. After touching a picture of the Virgin, his arm was replaced.

Mrs. Overstreet repeated also the legend of the Virgin of Guadalupe in which there was first a picture, then a shrine, a church, and finally a town. She mentioned the various shrines to the Virgin, and stated that a picture of the Virgin in a home indicates peace of mind for the occupants of the home.

The members, in a brief business session, voted to give five dollars to the Martin Foundation for Crippled Children. Fourteen members and the sponsor, Mrs. E. T. Yates attended the session.

The next meeting will be January 4 at the home of Mrs. Harvey E. Nuckols.

## Sharps Arrive

BROWNSVILLE — Arriving at the weekend to spend the holiday season with their mother were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sharp of Mexico City, who will be guests of Mrs. Gertrude M. Sharp and Mrs. Blanche Richardson.

## Shower For Bride Is Pretty

DONNA — An important holiday courtesy was the shower given on Thursday afternoon for Miss Anita Jewell, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Jewell of Donna, who is to be married on Christmas afternoon at four to Gladstone Risinger of San Antonio.

Shower guests were received in the beautiful home of Mrs. Ivan Dodd on North Ninth Street, with Mrs. Dodd, Mrs. Grace Armour and Mrs. Alan Harper, as hostesses.

The long living room was gay with Christmas greens, while in the dining room roses and gladioli in pastel colors accented the bridal theme.

After Mrs. Otto Prather, as Santa Claus pulling a white sleigh, had presented the exciting parcels to Miss Jewell, Mrs. Harper served punch, Christmas cookies, nuts and candies from the lace laid table in the dining room to the fifty guests.

The Wednesday Embroidery club exchanged their gifts around a beautifully decorated three in Mrs. Stanford Todd's living room Wednesday afternoon. The entire house was gay with poinsettias and geraniums. Two new members were received into the club, Mrs. George Holland and Mrs. Bill Leadbetter. The children of the members were guests of honor.

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## INSEMINATION IS SUCCESS IN VALLEY AREA

### Cameron County Unit Has Good Year

SAN BENITO—The practice of artificial insemination has been so well developed by the Cameron County Breeders Association which last summer purchased a proven Jersey bull that it is ready to announce the success of its methods, according to Morgan B. Finley, president.

It is possible to breed from 1,000 to 1,500 cows to one sire through this method which does not entail the inconvenience of moving either the bull or the cow to be bred. The association tried out the method for five months in order to provide a sure foundation among the established breeders but is now seeking additional memberships.

#### Technician Hired

The association has employed W. F. Basse, a graduate of Texas A. and M. College, as technician for this breeding work and he devotes all his time to it.

It has been proven through records that less than half the so-called purebred sires used in the best dairy herds of the United States actually increase the production of their daughters but the Cameron county association is fortunate in having such a proven bull, it was stated. This is proven through the official records of three of his daughters now on test, the records having been published in a recent issue of The Jersey Bulletin.

Dairylike Rose Marie, two and one-half years old, produced 118 pounds of milk and 68.97 pounds butterfat. Dairylike Maid Cleo four years old, 2,009 pounds milk and 105.47 pounds butterfat and Dairylike Star Dolly, five years old, 1,519 pounds milk and 96.46 pounds butterfat.

In each case, except the first cow listed, these outstanding Jerseys are at the very top of a long list of pure bred Jersey cows that are on official test in the United States. The youngest cow stands in second place in her age class, giving way only by a fraction over a pound of butterfat. This Jersey heifer, during the six months she has been on test has averaged 76.17 pounds of butter fat in 30 days or the nature equivalent of 97.5 pounds, according to the standard worked out by the American Jersey Cattle Club. In terms of butter this is 117.6 pounds.

#### High Production

The five-year-old cow has been milking for seven months with an average production of 101.7 pounds of butterfat in 30 days. This is equivalent to about 120 pounds of butter or a daily average production of four pounds of butter a day for 215 days. This cow stands a fair chance of approaching the world's record which is about 1,200 pounds of butter fat for 365 days or one year.

In all, the Cameron county sire has seven daughters with an average yearly record of better than 700 pounds of butter fat or more than 800 pounds of butter. These records put this bull very near the top of the list of proven sires now in service in the United States and association members believe that there is little doubt that the daughters of any Jersey cows in the Valley bred to this sire will show increased production capacity.

R. C. Graham and J. C. Stuesser of Brownsville bought the sire when sent by the association on an extended trip through the south-west and north-central states.

Directors of the association include W. A. Thieme, San Benito; S. A. Ingram, Harlingen; Graham and Stuesser.

## Eunuchs Gradually Disappearing In Turkey; Harems Thing Of Past

By LLOYD LEHRBAS

ISTANBUL—(P)—Outside an old stone building in a narrow, cobble-stone alley in Scutari just across the Bosphorus from Istanbul is a small sign reading:

"Association of former servants of the Harem." Inside in two small rooms a few men provide the answer to a question asked by many newcomers to Turkey:

What has happened to the Eunuchs? Romantic tales of old Constantinople (which today's Turks call Istanbul) invariably revolve around the mysteries of the Sultan's harem with its veiled and pantalooned beauties reclining on downy divans or gracefully dancing to sensuous music—and always served and guarded by faithful eunuchs.

The harems were abolished by Kemal Ataturk, dynamic leader of the revolution established on the ruins of the Ottoman Empire 16 years ago as a plank in his platform of equal rights for women. The one time harem beauties—who were always slaves and of non-Turkish race—have grown old as gracefully as they danced and are now respectable grandmothers.

Few know, and fewer seem to care, about what happened to the always tall, always picturesquely garbed eunuchs who always stood about (in every picture or paragraph) with folded arms, the human watchdogs of the harem.

The secretary of the association of former servants of the harem, a purely fraternal organization—a sedate little old man dressed in western clothes—answers your questions in high-pitched querulous tones.

"There are not many servants of the harem left," he explains as he momentarily recollects the good old days. "Most of them have died or grown too old to work. It's been a long time since the Sultan went away and closed his harem and the youngest eunuch left now is at least 55 years old."

The former servants of the palace (as they prefer to be called) are scattered about the country. Some eunuchs are still employed by conservative old Turkish families. A few were given jobs as doormen or cloakroom attendants in Istanbul's museums. One is a professor of literature in a girl's school in Istanbul.

## PROGRAM SET FOR MEETING OF TRAILERS

### Tourists To Convene For McAllen Event

McALLEN—A detailed program for the convention of the Automobile Tourist Association in McAllen December 28-January 6 was announced Saturday by Wallace P. Wellbanks, vice president of the organization for the state of Minnesota and actively in charge of plans for the regional gathering here.

The program will include a long round of events. It follows:

December 28:  
10:00 a. m.—Trailer owners' auto parade, all trailer owners in Valley invited to participate.  
11 a. m.—Registration of delegates and welcome meeting in chamber of commerce club room. Addresses by Mayor Horace Etchison of McAllen and Manager Paul T. Vickers of chamber of commerce, with response by Mr. Wellbanks.

1:30 p. m.—Conducted tour down the Valley.

7:30 p. m.—Tourist party and old-fashioned dance at Legion Hall, with A. T. A. members as guests.

December 29:  
2 p. m.—Games at chamber of commerce club room and in park.  
7:30 p. m.—Evening program, to be announced later.

December 30:  
2:30 p. m.—Games and contests at Steele trailer park.

5 p. m.—Picnic supper in community hall; Mr. Steele will furnish coffee; there will be musical entertainment and dancing after supper.

December 31:  
2 p. m.—Tour for A. T. A. members only to Pirlie cactus gardens.

January 1:  
12 noon—Mexican lunch at Rancho Grande restaurant.

2 p. m.—Hobby club meeting at chamber of commerce club room, with A. T. A. members as guests. Unique and unusual hobby collections will be exhibited.

7:30 p. m.—Will Garland and his junior band of McAllen, with other guest artists, will entertain with program at Legion Hall.

January 2:  
2 p. m.—Games at chamber of commerce club room and park.

4 p. m.—Conducted tour of Reynosa for sightseeing, and wild game dinner honoring A. T. A. members.

January 3:  
Samson's trailer park to be hosts, full entertainment program to be announced later.

January 4:  
9 a. m.—Tour of Mier, Mexico, with travelers taking picnic lunch and water.

7:30 p. m.—Chamber of commerce program at Legion Hall featuring tourist talent. Pictures will also be shown.

January 5:  
2 p. m.—Tour to Lindsay Gardens.

7:30 p. m.—Special entertainment to be announced later.

January 6:  
10 a. m.—Closing business meeting at chamber of commerce club room for A. T. A. members only. Attendance prize to be awarded.

7 p. m.—A. B. C. trailer park night. All trailers in the Valley will be guests of Dr. A. B. Cockrum, park owner, at this party.

## GERMANY'S SOLDIERS ARE URGED TO BEGET CHILDREN DURING WAR

BERLIN—(P)—Heinrich Himmler, head of all German police, Saturday urged the black-uniformed SS men to beget children, in or out of wedlock, especially in wartime, while Rudolf Hess, Hitler's deputy in party affairs, announced the Nazi party was ready to stand sponsor for any soldiers' children born out of wedlock.

Himmler's views, laid down in an "order to the entire SS (Elite Guard) and police," included the declaration:

"Every war means letting of the best blood. Many a victory of arms was at the same time a devastating defeat for the nation's vitality."

"The ancient saying that only he can die peacefully who has sons and children must be translated into fact during this war by the SS."

"Beyond the limits of bourgeois laws and customs which ordinarily are probably necessary it can be come an exalted task even outside of wedlock for German women and girls of good blood to become mothers of children begotten by soldiers moving to the front without knowing whether they will return or die for the fatherland."

Himmler pledged that he would appoint "special sponsors" for "all children of good blood born in or out of wedlock whose fathers fell in the war."

The Nazi party's pledge to stand sponsors was announced by Hess in a letter to an unmarried expectant mother whose soldier-fiance was killed in Poland.

"During war especially, which so often means death for the best men, every new life is of extraordinary importance to the nation," Hess wrote.

"Hence, if young soldiers fall on behalf of the fatherland who, for some reason or other could not marry and who leave children behind, the state will take care of this national treasure."

He said the Nazi party would, if

desired, stand sponsor for "children of war fathers," look after their education and give material aid.

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## FRUIT PRICE AID PROMISED

### Agriculture Unit To Do All Possible

HARLINGEN — The Texas State Department of Agriculture will "do everything possible and within the law," Director C. E. McCormick of the Bonding and Licensing Division said here Saturday, to assist in the f.o.b. citrus price program being maintained and in the prosecution of violators of the program.

"Any person aggrieved, injured or damaged by virtue of any violations of the terms and provisions of the Act, the Citrus Bonding and Licensing Law, by any licensee or by the transporting or buying agent of any licensee may file with the commissioner or his agent a verified complaint, setting out the specific violation complained of," McCormick said, in repeating the law. If after a public hearing the violation is verified, the license of the licensee would be revoked or suspended.

This procedure is the same followed for violations of the law prior to the establishment of the f.o.b. price program by the Valley citrus industry. McCormick urged handlers of fruit or producers, to cooperate with the department in filing complaints of violations against handlers.

### Small La Feria Boy Is Pneumonia Victim

HARLINGEN — Ramon Galvan, 6, son of Mrs. Betra Galvan, Villareal Road resident near La Feria, was at Valley Baptist Hospital here Saturday night in a critical condition, result of pneumonia, and bruises suffered when he was struck by an auto at La Feria Saturday noon.

Hospital attaches said the Gavan boy apparently was not seriously injured when the car driven by Mrs. W. A. Strickland, La Feria, knocked him down in the Mexiquita section about 12:30 p. m. Saturday, but that he was critically ill with pneumonia.

### Pneumonia Is Fatal To Valley Tot Here

HARLINGEN — Billy Leon Hinton, nine months, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Hinton, Lyford and Jacksonville, died here Saturday at 11:30 a. m., of pneumonia. The baby was received at a local hospital two hours before his death. Body was to be forwarded to Jacksonville for funeral rites.

### First Tourist Party Held At San Benito

SAN BENITO—First tourist party of the season here was held at the chamber of commerce offices Friday night, with J. L. Siberz, Baraboo, Wis., in charge. Plans were outlined for a proposed "steak fry" at the old golf course clubhouse near here shortly.

## Scuttled Ship 'Under Orders'



Grim-faced Capt. Wilhelm Daehne, right, is shown being escorted by a U. S. Immigration official, upon his arrival in New York. Capt. Daehne said that his ship, the German liner Columbus, was set afire and scuttled "under orders." Presumably these directions came from Adolf Hitler.

## Capitol Party

### Fanning Is Santa To Youngsters

BROWNSVILLE—John Fanning, manager of the Capitol Theater here, played the role of Santa Claus on Saturday, and won the hearts of Brownsville children.

He gave a free Christmas matinee Saturday morning showing a variety of shorts ranging from news reel shots to Popeye the Sailor Man.

When the crowd of children started to overflow the Capitol Theater, he opened the doors of the nearby Queen Theater so that every child could see the show.

And Saturday afternoon, he held the annual Capitol Theater's Christmas party giving away candy and fruit to hundreds of children.

Santa Claus made his appearance at both events to chat with the Brownsville youngsters.

### Valley Tot Recovers From Eating Poison

HARLINGEN—Oleta Fay Rickets, 11-month-old daughter of a San Benito couple, was released from Valley Baptist Hospital here Saturday night, after she had received treatment for roach poison.

Attaches at the hospital said the baby apparently ate some of the poison from the lid of container, and that her mother was at hand, gave her soda, and rushed her to the hospital.

### Increases Reported In Sales Of Autos

NEW YORK—(P)—The automobile Manufacturers Association reported Saturday November retail sales of passenger cars amounted to 257,336 compared with 236,584 in October.

For 11 months retail sales of passenger cars totaled 2,449,423 compared with 1,715,727 in the like 1938 period.

Commercial vehicle sales for 11 months mounted to 478,625 from 351,203 in the 1938 period.

## Bradford Will Leave Issue Up To Voters

DALLAS—(P)—Dr. W. D. Bradford, chairman of the Texas Liquor Control Board, tonight critic of roadside "liquor joints," put it up to Texas voters Saturday to decide how strong they want their laws.

Dr. Bradford issued a statement replying to Attorney General Gerald Mann's ruling Friday that the board was "without authority to deny or cancel a permit" for liquor, wine and beer dealers along Texas highways.

### Hofmotel Is Named On Port Committee

BROWNSVILLE—Announcement has just been received here that F. W. Hofmotel, director of the Port of Brownsville, has been named a member of the Committee on Port Development and Construction of the American Association of Port Authorities.

The recognition accorded the local man was due to his excellent record in building the Port of Brownsville while there, and to the remarkable accomplishment of practically doubling the business of the Port of Brownsville each year since it has been opened.



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# Babson Says Christmas Finds Business At Ten-Year Peak

## CUSTOMS MEN MOVE INTO LAREDO OFFICE

SAN ANTONIO—After 22 years' establishment in San Antonio as headquarters of the 23rd customs district, the office was moved Friday to Laredo.

Harry P. Hornby, collector, said that it was through the efforts of John N. Garner, then congressman, that the three separate districts at Eagle Pass, Laredo and Brownsville were consolidated in the San Antonio district. He had appointed T. A. Coleman, well known ranchman, as collector and Coleman desired that the headquarters be at San Antonio to facilitate his visiting the various parts of the district, as at that time railroads were the best means of transportation.

Under an executive order, the headquarters was moved to Laredo. The inland port of Fort Worth was abolished and Corpus Christi, also in the San Antonio district, was transferred to the Galveston district, as its business is all maritime.

Hornby in discussing happenings in the San Antonio district since he was appointed in 1934, stated that the U. S. Customs Patrol, which was under the collector, was placed under a separate head with headquarters for four districts at El Paso.

There has been a great increase

in the amount of duties collected in the past five years, said Hornby. For the past decade, or since 1930, \$10,940,937 has been collected and \$8,244,214 of this amount has been collected in the past five years, a gain of \$5,547,491 for the five-year period. He attributes a great deal of this to the higher import duty on cattle and to a great amount of feed stuff sent in from Mexico during the drought periods of 1933-6. There has also been a general increase in imports from Mexico.

The new headquarters at Laredo will be in the federal building, which a short time ago was improved and enlarged. The new port building at Laredo will be built during the next year as the site has been bought, and when the convent property is vacated it will be replaced by a building designed for port business, with sufficient lanes for traffic to handle the increasing business at the port. Work is now in progress on walls for a fill-in to allow for more traffic accommodations.

Hornby said he hoped to see plans approved during 1940 for a suitable port building at Hidalgo, as that port is getting an increasing amount of business and the present headquarters are inadequate for the government agencies at the bridge.

## HIGH INCOME FIGURE SEEN FOR WORKER

### American Is Busier Than Year Ago

By ROGER W. BABSON

SAVANNAH, Georgia—Christmas 1935, finds a busier America and a gloomier Europe than Yuletide of a year ago. Business is better in the United States and Canada; workers' pay envelopes are fatter; farmers' income is higher; investors' dividend checks are bigger. While millions are still jobless, we have taken long strides toward prosperity in the past twelve months. Abroad, the year's events may add nothing to the Christmas spirit this week-end, but here in America we can look back on 1935 as a period of rapid recovery.

With the lid virtually nailed on 1935, business has scored a twelve-months gain of 19.5 per cent. This compares with my forecast of a 20 per cent advance. When business stepped up to the 1935 springboard last January, the Babsonchart Index was hovering around 100. The year had hardly gotten underway, however, before Hitler started the pot boiling in Europe and uncertainty brewing in America. As a result, activity gradually drifted lower, hitting the year's bottom, 94.7, in May. Yet, it averaged 20 per cent above the same months of 1934. This was not far from my forecast of a 25 per cent gain for the first half.

### New Ten-Year High

The decline was under control by May and there was a steady, healthy improvement as Summer worked along. By Labor Day, just as the first German bomb fell on Poland, business had worked back to the January level. Then the war touched off one of the most spectacular upswings in history. Week after week giant industries, such as steel, autos, textile, lumber, power, and railroads reported record-breaking business. By the end of September the Babsonchart Index had rolled up to 105. October saw it push on to 110, November, to 114. Now, Christmas trade has driven it up to 116 this week-end, — the highest figure in ten long years.

Nearly every mill, factory, shop, office, and store in the country has shared in this burst of business. Steel and automobile workers, building tradesmen, lumber-jacks, railroad men, textile workers, metal fabricators, have all done well. Machine toolers, shipbuilders, and aviation mechanics have enjoyed a boom. Salesmen and store people can look back on 1935 as an above-average year. Farmers have broken even with 1934, considering the country as a whole. The dark spots on the agricultural map are certain drought-parched areas of the West where crops and income have dropped to the lowest level in four years.

### Some Lines In Doldrums

Only in the financial, insurance, real estate, and newspaper fields has 1935 brought little to cheer about. Brokers have suffered as security transactions (not prices) plummeted to the lowest level since 1923. Insurance and real estate salesmen have had lean pickings. Newspaper advertising has just about matched 1934, while publishing costs have moved on to new highs. Profit margins in some other lines have not been so big as formerly and competition is keener today than ever before. As a result, many individual businesses have done poorly. But remember, even in 1929 one-third of all businesses were in the red!

Nearly 2,000,000 new workers have found jobs. Wages and salaries have been steady to higher. There have been about 1,700 strikes compared with 1,000 last year, — but only the soft coal and Chrysler tieups were nationally serious. Living costs have inched up, but less than five per cent. Dividend checks have nearly doubled. There is more cash in the average farmer's pocket. Real estate—both city and farm — is a shade better in price, although taxes have again been increased.

## Cheer For Ailing Georgia



Georgia Coleman, undergoing a series of blood transfusions in Hollywood to prepare her for a serious operation, looks at a check, part of donations made to a fund to help the former Olympic diving champion regain her health. With her is Nurse Edith House.

Rents have been stable. All in all, it has been a good year for most people in America.

Last January, I predicted in this newspaper that "business by the end of 1935 would be as good as—perhaps even better than — at any year-end since 1929." Business is better than at any year-end since 1929; but there is little cheering about it. Many people are bluer today than a year ago. Relief rolls are just as long as ever. Employers fear the industrial rise is merely a war boom. Workers are worried about higher living costs. Business men, big and little, are frightened of death of taxes and a third term for Mr. Roosevelt. Meanwhile, every one is afraid that we will be drawn into the war.

So the curtain is about to fall on a

strange year; Business best in a decade, but people more worried than during the dark days of 1932-33.

It is Christmas week-end. That means it is no time to launch into a deep discussion of our troubles. My message today is simply that 1935 has been a good year and that nearly every American is better off today than a year ago. Moreover, I want to assure readers that we have nothing to fear in early 1940 either from a business depression or from any entanglement in the European war. Lastly, I want to join with every reader in a deep and fervent prayer that Christmas of 1940 WILL find "peace on earth and good will toward men" in all lands and among all peoples! If we all do our part, this prayer may be fulfilled.



May we have the pleasure of wishing you one of the greatest and one of the grandest Merry Christmases of all, and may the holidays hold an abundance of joy and merriment for the whole family.

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## Season's Greetings



On this, the best Christmas of all, we wish to extend to our many good friends our sincere desire for continued health, happiness and prosperity. The contacts we have made in the past have been most gratifying and we hope they have been to you.

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"ONE OF THE VALLEY'S LEADING STORES"  
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## SCOUT BOARD HAS MEETING

### Conference Planned For Harlingen

MERCEDES — Executive board meeting of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America, at their monthly meeting here this week heard reports of various committees for the year, 1935, and appointed an examining committee to approve and certify men capable of operating the motor boat equipment on the Laguna Madre and on the Gulf.

The committee includes Capt. Pablo Valent of the Coast Guards; Capt. A. A. Shaw, Port Pilot, and Capt. A. W. Pate, all of Port Isabel. The Council also authorized its officers to approve the Council's annual report to the National Council, and application for re-charter of the Council for the coming year.

Considerable attention was given the planning of the first Annual Valley Scouters' Conference to be held in Harlingen, January 6th.

Present at the meeting: V. D. Raimond and Dr. E. V. Borglin, Edinburg; W. C. Jones and E. R. McWilliams, Mission; W. A. McLeod, McAllen; F. A. Swallow, Alamo; A. B. Sanders, Donna; E. A. Brown and N. P. Barton, Mercedes; J. B. Smith of La Feria, M. B. Finney of San Benito.

### RAILS SHOW PROFIT

CHICAGO — (AP) — The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company Friday reported net railway operating income of \$533,202 for November compared with \$460,842 for the same month a year ago.

### MERRY



CHRISTMAS

Our Sincere Wishes for a Joyous Holiday!

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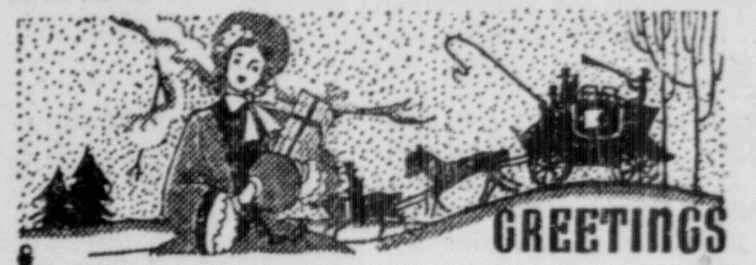
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### RETURN FROM DALLAS

MISSION—Dr. and Mrs. T. R. Burnett and Miss Kathryn Hooks returned Monday from Dallas and Bonham where they spent the week-end. They were called to the latter place following an accident in which Mrs. Burnett's mother was injured.

### LACKLAND PROMOTED

SAN ANTONIO—Kelly Field's commander, Col. Frank D. Lackland, was notified Thursday by the War Department that he had been recommended for promotion to brigadier general and commander of the first wing of the general headquarters air force.



Best Wishes of the Season!  
Merry Xmas to One and All!

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To each of you who have contributed to our success and to those of you who have given us your fine friendship we extend a hearty and genuine

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## AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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# Trailer Association Convention Opens In McAllen Thursday

## YULE DINNER IS PLANNED FOR MONDAY

### Port Isabel Trip Set For Wednesday

McALLEN—The opening of the American Trailer Association convention here Thursday and the annual Christmas dinner Monday at the Casa de Palmas Hotel, will highlight 12 big parties scheduled to amuse McAllen and Upper Valley tourists during the holiday week.

Christmas dinner for all tourists will be served at 1 p. m. Monday in the Spanish Room at the local hotel with William Olson, tourist club president, acting as toastmaster.

Games in the chamber of commerce club rooms with shuffleboard and outdoor activities will go on all day Tuesday closing with the weekly conducted tour to Reynosa at 4 p. m.

A trip to Port Isabel and Padre Island tops the docket for Wednesday. Those wishing to make the trip are asked to be at the chamber building at 8 a. m., each carrying his own picnic lunch and drinking water supply.

The trailer convention will open at 10 a. m. with parade of visiting trailers followed by a business meeting of the association at 11 a. m. in the chamber. Visitors will be taken on a conducted tour down the valley, leaving here at 1:30 p. m. The opening day of the convention will close with a dance at 7:30 p. m. at Legion Hall.

A bridge and game party will be held at 7:30 p. m. for A. T. A. members at the chamber Friday. Trailers and tourists will be guests at 2:30 p. m. Saturday at the Steele Trailer Park for games followed by a covered dish supper at 5 p. m. and more games and dancing in the evening.

Closing the week's program will be a tour to the Pinta Cactus Gardens at 2 p. m. Sunday for A. T. A. members.

## Mexico Industry, Commerce Fight Profit Tax Bill

MEXICO CITY—(AP)—Mexican industry and commerce Saturday combined forces in a fight against a government-sponsored bill to tax from 15 to 45 per cent surplus profits. The chamber of deputies transmitted the bill to the senate Friday after adopting it.

Business and industrial leaders mapped their campaign in an emergency meeting here Friday night. They took the position the law must be defeated to avoid serious damage to Mexico's economy.

Sponsors of the bill say it should work no hardship because it would not affect industries and business with low earnings.

## ZACHMANS HAVE VISITORS

McALLEN—Mr. and Mrs. Harland Zachman and family of Topeka, Kan., are spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Zachman. They were accompanied by Mrs. Zachman's brother, Roy Hardman of Kansas City.

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## There Are Leopards In Valley



Sant Johnson, who lives on the old Point Isabel road near the Guadalupe bridge, displays a leopard cat recently tracked down by his fine pack of hounds. He says there are plenty of leopard cats and javalinas in his neck of the woods.

## CHURCH PLANS YULE PAGEANT

### San Juan Children To Be In Cast

McALLEN—A Christmas pageant will be presented at the San Juan People's church Sunday night at 7:45 p. m. by the Christian Endeavor Society of the church. About 60 young persons will have parts in the cast and choir.

Mrs. C. C. Richey is adult sponsor of the senior group in charge of the production and Mrs. R. E. Williams is director of the cast. Miss Betty Platt is director of the choir with Mrs. H. A. Cox as pianist. Banks Miller, Jr., is business manager and Alfred Sorenson is property manager.

The cast follows: The star, Mae Marie Buckner; the curtain angels, Mary Ann Reeves and Martha Stephens; angels, Barbara Cramer, Patsy Doedyns, and Doris Sorenson; reader, Banks Miller, Jr.; shepherds, R. G. Temple, Lloyd Fraim; wise men, John Garfield, John Griffin, and Bobby Garfield; Naomi, Earline Murphy; Rachel, Mary Claire Gossage; Mary, Louise Sorenson; Joseph, Alfred Sorenson; praise, Ruth Ann Gossage; worship, Helen Walker; service, Frances Lloyd; sacrifice, Alberta Platt.

There will be music by the combined choirs of the Christian Endeavor Society and a trio composed of Bryan Harris, R. E. Williams and Terry Stigard. The ushers will be Gwendolyn Burton, Frances Cron and Louise Edwards. The public is invited to attend. An offering will be taken for the Christian Endeavor conference and convention fund.

## McAllen To Seek Alley Easements

McALLEN—City Secretary C. D. Martin said Saturday plans were underway to begin soliciting residents in Milmor addition for alley easements.

All residents in the area, recently annexed to the city, will be visited the next week by a committee appointed by the city, Martin said.

## AGED BENEFIT IS EXPLAINED

### Regulations Change After 1940

BROWNSVILLE—Wage earners age 65 and over may become entitled to federal old-age insurance benefits after 1940 by meeting certain requirements, it was learned Saturday from F. E. Wilson, manager of the Social Security Board's Brownsville field office.

The fact that these workers may have reached age 65 in 1937, 1938 or 1939, have already received a lump-sum payment under the old plan will not necessarily disqualify them for benefits, Mr. Wilson stated. Should they qualify for monthly benefits the amount already paid will be deducted.

Requirements for this type of wage earner are that he earn at least \$50 from covered employment in each six calendar quarters. The quarters start January 1, 1937, and end with the date he retires. Quarters falling between his 65th birthday and January 1, 1939, will not be counted. An application must be filed with the Social Security Board.

Manager Wilson cited an example of how the plan works. Bill Jones has earned \$100 a month in wages from a store since January 1, 1937. On October 1, 1938, he became 65 years old, applied for and received a lump-sum payment of \$73.50 from the Social Security Board. Bill continued to work in the store until he retired in April, 1940.

Bill now makes another application to the Social Security Board, this time for his monthly retirement benefit. He finds that he will receive \$26.00 a month for the rest of his life. The \$73.50 which he has already been paid will be deducted from his monthly payments until repaid.

Mr. Wilson stated that many of these lump-sum benefits have been paid in the area of the Brownsville field office. He urged all wage earners who have received them to call or write his office at 427 Post Office Building for further information about eligibility for the monthly benefits.

## Church Party

### Methodists To Hold Program

BROWNSVILLE—The young people's and children's divisions of the First Methodist church, will hold a Christmas program Sunday at 5 p. m. in the church auditorium. Superintendent of the young people's division is Mrs. James Dunham. Mrs. W. W. Underwood is superintendent of the children's division.

Departments participating in the program are their superintendents, are: Cradle roll, Mrs. G. P. Baker; beginners, Mrs. E. T. Pearce; primary, Miss Carlotta Villarreal; Junior, G. P. Baker, and intermediate, Mrs. A. B. Brown. The public is invited.

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## Two Areas In Texas Get Water Program

AMARILLO—(AP)—The soil conservation service announced Saturday active development under the department of agriculture water facilities program will begin soon in two areas in Texas.

## Court Of Brush Threatens To Shave J. L. 'Klondike' Abney At High Noon In Center Of City Business District

BROWNSVILLE—The Court of the Grand Brush here Saturday ordered James L. Abney, assistant United States district attorney, to trim his full growth of whiskers within 48 hours, "or else . . ."

Mr. Abney reputedly is head of "The Klondikes," a group letting whiskers grow "wild" for Charro Days instead of trimming them in accordance with Court of the Grand Brush orders.

Chief Injustice Sam Perl, in issuing the edict, threatened Klondike Abney with a public shaving in front of the First National Bank building Monday noon.

"We'll give him a real Christmas present if he doesn't get that raggedy-Anne beard off his face," the chief justice said.

Loudly denounced by A. A. Hargrove, Grand Brush of the Royal Order of the Brush, and others sporting trimmed beards, Klondike Abney pooh-poohed the "treason" charges.

"They'll never shave my beard off. They're a bunch of sissies anyhow," he declared.

Hailed as a rugged individualist by brother Klondikes, Mr. Abney added that the Royal Order of the Brush "hasn't got a thing to be royal about, not even a drop of blue blood."

"There isn't a thing royal in these United States, and if they keep up with their pretense of royalty we'll turn them over to the Dies committee."

## 670 Needy Children Given New Clothing

WICHITA FALLS—(AP)—A three-day task of fitting new clothing outfits to 670 needy school children had been completed here Saturday with W. T. (Bill) Knight, Wichita Falls oil operator, paying the \$4,500 bill. It was the second consecutive Christmas Knight assumed the role of Santa Claus to provide new clothing from head to foot for the city's needy school children.

## Year's First Crash Fatality At Odessa

ODESSA—(AP)—G. W. Meadows, about 52, was struck by an automobile on the Bankhead Highway Saturday and fatally injured. His death was the first in Odessa this year.

The United States distributes 6,000,000,000 fish annually, being far ahead of other countries in fish cultural work.

## Do You Know?

THAT 'Twas the night before Xmas and all through the Valley Not a salesman was stirring—not one made a sally: The specials were stacked in the window with care In hopes that a customer soon would be there.

The salesmen were nestled all snug in the chairs While visions of bonuses banished their cares, And the bosses were wailing, we're all in he red And wishing that he like his business was dead.

When down in HARLINGEN there arose such a clatter All sprang to their cars to see what was the matter: Out on the highway they flew like a flash, The bosses and salesmen all made a dash.

The moon on the orange blossoms silvery glow Gave the luster of mid-day to objects below, When what to their wondering eyes should appear But a throng of gay shoppers clamoring there.

Their eyes how they popped as they drove 'n' down, And saw the crowds shopping all over the town, All night they could hear on the cold frosty air The clang of the cash drawer while theirs was so bare.

"Oh, how do they do it?" the Merchants all cried, "What have they got that we haven't tried?" Then up from the depths of his office chair Came the happy voice of the salesman there, "Why haven't you heard," said the voice full of vim, "We've a MERCHANTS Committee in HARLINGEN."



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# BOOKS GIVEN TO SCHOOLS

## Durlacher Donates To Jardin

BROWNSVILLE—Thirty-five valuable books and 17 educational magazines were presented to El Jardin school library as a Christmas gift by F. A. Durlacher of Brownsville, according to school officials. The gift, which includes a set of Victor Hugo's work, was announced shortly before school was dismissed Friday for the Yuletide holidays. Classes will be resumed Wednesday morning, January 3.

In a Christmas seal sale conducted in El Jardin elementary school, Mrs. Robertson and Maxine Marston sold the greatest number of seals. The \$3.49 proceeds of the sale will be given to the county health unit for its tuberculosis work.

Christmas bags of apples, candy and gifts were distributed to all children Friday by teachers, and Parent-Teacher Association room mothers gave parties in each room of the elementary school. High school students were guests at a party Friday night given by their room mothers at El Jardin pavilion.

### FAIR MAY REOPEN

SAN FRANCISCO—(P)—Legal objections to repeat performance of the Golden Gate International Exposition were lifted Friday when Burton J. Wyman, referee in bankruptcy, approved a plan for the show on Treasure Island next year.



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# BEEFSTEAK TIED AROUND BODY FOR SMUGGLING INTO GERMANY; COFFEE OR TEA PRICES HIGH

BUDAPEST—(P)—In Bulgaria, there are pretty Hungarian dancing girls—in exchange for Bulgarian gardeners.

On the Hungarian-Austrian frontier, a man ties oversize beefsteaks next to his body and in that manner smuggles them into greater Germany.

And on the Yugoslavian-Hungarian border, a customs official asks, "Have you any coffee or tea in your luggage?"—which makes you want to reply, "No—and no coffee pot either," until you understand what a serious crime it is to be carrying coffee or tea around with you these days.

It's all symptomatic of the topsy-turvy and slightly punch-drunk economics of South-Eastern Europe these days. Not economics in the grand sense of the word, but the ordinary methods of paying for things, and getting a lamb chop, say, when and how you want it. There's no war in South-eastern Europe, but there's a lot of economic confusion.

It's the result of clearing arrangements, disrupted trade, lack of foreign exchange to buy certain foodstuffs, and the economic demands of Germany at war. And in a way it demonstrates what can be achieved through clearing arrangements.

In Sofia, capital of Bulgaria, as example, the carabets employ as always pretty Hungarian girls as dancers and hostesses. But export of money is strictly forbidden.

No matter.

There is always a demand for Bulgarian gardeners—among the best in the World—in Hungary.

On a clearing arrangement, Bulgaria gets the girls; Hungary gets the gardeners.

# Tourists At McAllen Hold Christmas Fete

McALLEN—Two hundred nine tourists exchanged gifts at the annual Christmas party Thursday night at Legion Hall to mark the largest assemblage of tourists to date for any social activity.



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# DRIVERS GET SAFETY PINS

## MP Bus Men Complete 619,117 Miles

BROWNSVILLE—Judge Bascom Cox awarded pins Thursday to five Missouri Pacific Transportation Company bus drivers who drove 619,117 miles without an accident in recent years.

The drivers were G. K. Alexander, Brownsville, three years, 103,268 miles; G. A. Erickson, Corpus Christi, four years, 259,004 miles; A. Henricksen, Mission, three years, 147,141 miles; E. J. Johnson, Corpus Christi, three years, 78,822 miles; and C. G. Schmidt, Brownsville, one year, 29,882 miles.

Four other drivers who have driven a year without accident and who will receive pins later include C. D. Adrean, 60,190 miles; Roy Bald, 64,622 miles; J. A. McMillon, 60,156 miles; and J. F. Parker, 64,473 miles. All are from Brownsville.

Judge Bascom Cox said that the safety awards mean more than wartime decorations because highway fatalities each year exceed America's losses in the World War.

The Mopac line itself has a high safety record, having been awarded third place in the United States in a safety contest.

# Report Is Given Highway Department Record Revealed

AUSTIN—(P)—Looking back to 1917, birth year of the highway department, officials announced Thursday 521 grade separations had been built.

An additional 33 were under construction or approved for construction, making a total of 554.

Furthermore, 814 crossings have been eliminated by relocating highways and with 16 relocations now under construction a total of 830 of the travel hazards have been eliminated in this manner.

Tangible results, engineers say, include a 14 per cent reduction in fatalities at railroad crossings for the first 10 months of 1939.

# 3 Men Arrested On Burglary Charges

SANTA ROSA—Three men had been arrested and charged with burglary Friday in connection with the theft of three new suits of clothes, a new leather jacket, and a new pair of shoes from the residence of Antonio de la Garza here December 12, Deputy Sheriff Boynton Fleming, Santa Rosa, said.

Men charged with burglary in Justice of Peace C. C. Raimond's court at La Feria are Jose Leal, Manuel Leal and Ottilio de la Diente, all of Santa Rosa. They were held on \$1,000 bonds each Friday night. Examining trial will probably be held Wednesday or Thursday before Judge Raimond at La Feria for the three men, Fleming said. He was aided in the investigation and arrest by Deputy Constable Pablo Lopez, Santa Rosa.



The good will of the Christmas season reminds us of your good will throughout the year, for which we give you our heartfelt thanks. May happiness, prosperity and great success attend you.

To You and You and You...

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# Plenty Of Oil Shale Yield Is Said Adequate Supply

AUSTIN—(P)—If every oil well in Texas "dried up," the state still would have a tremendous petroleum supply with its millions of tons of oil shale yielding an average of 40 gallons per ton, Fred Plummer, University of Texas petroleum engineer, said here Saturday.

While making a geological map of the Llano mineral area, University Bureau of Economic Geology fieldmen discovered the outcrop of petroliferous shale, which reaches from the Colorado River westward fifty miles into McCulloch county. With W. P. A. aid the bureau made the first extensive oil shale exploration in the state and stampled the deposits at two-mile intervals.

# Dicken's Carol Sung

RAYMONDVILLE—The Speech Arts Class of the Raymondville High School presented Dicken's Christmas Carol over radio station KGFI on Thursday at 5 o'clock.

The cast: Scrooge—Lee Dale; his clerk—James Duddleston; nephew and Spirit of the Past—Howard Scott; Ghost of Marley—Jeff Rankin; Spirit of Present—June Shaw; Spirit of Future and Martha—Loretta Vaughn; Mrs. Critchett—Willie Mae Nachlinger; Belinda and Tiny Time—Loretta Tucker. Sound effect—Patricia Lee; Announcer—June Shaw.

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# ANGLIN URGES SAFE DRIVING

## Carelessness Means Death, He Says

HARLINGEN — Police Chief E. W. Anglin, Friday again urged motorists not to be careless while driving during the Christmas season, warning them that a few careless moments can mean unhappiness to several homes during time of the year when people should be happiest.

Pointing to the wave of traffic fatalities "weeping the Valley during the past several days, Anglin warned drivers that vigilance of officers will not be relaxed merely because it is Christmas. Rather, it will be redoubled, he said, in order to try to protect careful motorists against those who are reckless or who mix alcohol with their gasoline.

Many people use the Christmas holiday season as a time or reason for increasing their intake of spirits, and though the wisdom of mixing alcohol with celebration of the Saviour's birth may be a matter of personal taste and opinion, said Anglin, there can be no question about it being unwise to drive in the increased holiday traffic without observing and being able to observe traffic safety rules with more than ordinary care and consideration.

# Valleyite Unhurt In Texas Accident

HARLINGEN — S. C. Stevens of McAllen, driver of a truck involved in a collision near San Antonio, was uninjured in the wreck but three San Antonians were hurt, according to Associated Press dispatches.

Hurt were John Baine, 19; Miss Mimi Ogden, 18, and Clive Mueller, 20.

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# Yule Services

## Christmas Worship Is Planned Here

HARLINGEN — Christmas will predominate in worship services Sunday at the First Baptist church with A. L. Brooks as guest speaker at the morning hour and college students presenting a program in the evening. Mr. Brooks will talk on the origin and history of Christmas.

Special music Sunday morning will include organ prelude, Gounod's "Nazareth" played by Foster Tebbe; solo, Maunders' "Christmas Lullaby" sung by Miss Emogene Oler; offertory, "Pastorale," Schumann; and postlude, "Shepherds' Chorus" by Lemmon.

Special music and talks by college students will form the evening service. The theme of talks will be "An Inventory of Modern Student Christianity."

# C-C Directors Hold Meet At Mercedes

MERCEDES—Discussion of several projects featured the regular semi-monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Mercedes Chamber of Commerce committee, this week.

Carl A. Blasig, newly elected secretary, was present at the meeting and was authorized to work out details and to investigate the feasibility of a number of these projects. A meeting of the Rio Grande Livestock Show committee, headed by Eldon B. Smith, is scheduled for an early meeting.

# Christmas Package Increase Reported

MERCEDES—J. M. Ginson, local agent for the Railway Express Company, states there have been approximately 10 per cent more packages shipped by express this Christmas and that the office has handled more than 17,000 shipments leaving Mercedes.

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## BROWNSVILLE SCHOOLS AID SEAL SALES

Campaign Success; Figures Given

BROWNSVILLE — The Brownsville public schools followed the precedent of other years and gave the 1939 Christmas Seal Sale a big boost by their united personal efforts to make citizens 100 per cent in their support of the health charity drive. Mrs. Harbert Davenport, head of the seal sales here, states.

The principals and teachers in each school are the real heroes of the occasion who find time in this busy season to supervise the work of the children who have solicited from door to door in their residential districts. Mrs. Davenport states. Whether their sales are large or small, the work makes the children community-conscious and health conscious, she says.

**Mrs. Hirst Active**

Mrs. Penrose Hirst was school chairman and initiated her campaign by making educational talks in the schools. She arranged a very clever Christmas Seal playlet which was presented in the junior college auditorium by high school students under the direction of Mrs. J. A. Lindaberry. The play was repeated for the junior high school and also for the El Jardin school. Mrs. Hirst has given a great deal of time in planning this school sale which is a complete program in itself.

She reports the financial results by schools as follows:

**Results Listed**

West Brownsville, Mrs. J. A. Russell, principal, \$27.44; Junior high, Mrs. R. L. Stett, principal, \$24.08; grammar school, Mrs. Josephine Webb, principal, \$21.05; first ward, Miss Skinner, principal, \$19.02; the United English classes in the high school, under Mrs. Kenneth Faxon, \$17.50; Los Ebanos school, Mrs. J. S. Spikes, principal, \$15.88; Victoria Heights, Miss Elizabeth Graham, \$11.74; Resaca school, Mrs. E. L. Price, principal, \$7; high school library, Mrs. S. C. Tucker, \$4.35; Washington Park, Mrs. A. S. Putnam, principal, \$1; fourth ward, Miss Amelia Fernandez, principal, \$1; East Brownsville, Miss Amelia Campbell, principal, \$1; Media Luna, Miss Manuela Longoria, principal, \$1, and colored school, Miss Mary P. Hughes, 60 cents.

**Others**

The El Jardin school and the Villanueva school which are included in the Brownsville territory, have shown unusual activity also this year. Results are: El Jardin, Bruce Underwood, principal, \$6.12; Villanueva, George Wentz, principal, no report yet.

This is the first time that the negro public school has participated in the annual Christmas Seal Sale. The school had six pupils in attendance on that day and each pupil made a ten-cent sale.

## Peaceful Christmas Seen For Palestine

BETHLEHEM — (AP) — Palestine prepared Saturday for its first peaceful Christmas in three years. Last year 20,000 British soldiers kept an uneasy peace in a land torn by Arab-Jewish strife. This year the war in Europe has submerged at least temporarily Palestine's differences.

Sandbags and machinegun emplacements have been removed from the little town.

## Parent-Teacher Unit Meet Program Is Set

AUSTIN — (AP) — Democracy, crime prevention, health and educational guidance will be discussed at a Texas congress of Parent-Teachers conference here January 9-10, officials announced Saturday.

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## Valley Traffic Problems Surveyed Here By State Group; Speed, Vehicles Studied

Four Men Check All Travelled Roads For Valley

By BRAD SMITH  
WESLACO — A detailed study of the speed of traffic and the position that speeding traffic occupies on highways is now being completed on Texas' most travelled roads by the Texas Highway Planning Survey and the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads.

A party of four men, representing the two highway bodies and headed by O. J. LaBell, supervisor for the Bureau of Public Roads, is completing several months of work in Texas by a careful survey of Valley highway, chiefly on U. S. 83, the Valley's 65-mile-long "Main Street," and U. S. 281, only paved highway leading northward from the Valley. The party will complete its work in the Valley area within the next few days.

**Investigates Speed**

During recent months, the survey has investigated traffic speed, the number of vehicles using the roads, the position occupied by each vehicle on the road and the type of vehicles using the highways. They are completing studies of traffic flow and conditions on U. S. 83 between Brownsville and Olmito, Harlingen and La Feria, Weslaco and Donna, and McAllen and Pharr. They will finish their work in Texas after a survey near Falfurrias.

The survey party travels in two panel trucks, one of which is parked on each side of the highway to be surveyed. Electric recording machines, operated by a series of 20 switches concealed in heavy cables laid across the highways and connected with the trucks, make a record of the time of the survey, the speed of each vehicle, position of the vehicle on the highway. The young engineers handling the machines mark the type of vehicle on endless graphs which move past the recording needles from the impetus of clock mechanism.

When the front wheels of a ve-



Above George Combest, one of the men with the survey crew, explains the workings of the recording machines to a Star correspondent. The machines are counting Valley highway traffic for the survey. (Photo by Brad Smith.)

hicle pass the first cable, thereby tripping at least two of the 20 switches, the clock mechanism is started. It stops a few moments later when the front wheels of the car cross the second cable, breaking the contact. A mathematical equation involving the time required for the front wheels

to cross the two cables and the known distance between the two cables gives the speed of the car within one mile fast or one mile slow. A prepared chart gives operators of the mechanism all speeds between 18 and 75 miles per hour. Speeds above 75 miles per hour show on the graph as a series of marks on its margin. Thus, the graph also shows the number and type of all cars in each speed range between the minimum and maximum limits of the recording mechanism.

Between the two timing cables across the highway is laid a third cable. When the vehicle crosses this cable, a separate recorder notes on a graph the exact position of the vehicle on the highway, which lane it occupies, and also if the driver is "straddling the stripe."

The survey party now completing the highway study in Texas includes, in addition to Mr. LaBell, its supervisor, through young engineers of the Texas Highway Department, Frank Grizier, Ray Jones and Geo. Combest.

## Scout Honored

Eagle Award Is Given Eddie Hatfield

McALLEN — Before a small but enthusiastic audience Eddie Hatfield, member of Boy Scout Troop No. 75, was made an eagle scout Friday night at a court of honor conducted by Gordon Griffin, district chairman.

The badge was presented to young Hatfield, the first eagle scout in the Kiwanis sponsored troop, by his mother, Mrs. Walter Hatfield. Also members of troop 75 Bill Rawls and Jack Vessels were presented star scout badges by J. Wesley Taylor, former district chairman, and George Osborn respectively.

## Lutheran Youngsters To Conduct Program

McALLEN — Approximately 60 children are expected to participate in the program Sunday at 7:30 p. m. given by the youngster's class of the Lutheran Church at the church. In song and story the children will review the first Christmas.

Christmas services will be held at the church at 10:30 a. m. Monday. Rev. John G. Elser, pastor, said. The sermon will be "Unto You Is Born This Day in the City of David, a Savior Which Is Christ the Lord."

## Young Girl Killed In Texas Car Crash

LAMESA — (AP) — Meldeen Kinard, 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Kinard of Union, Dawson county, was killed in an auto crash near here Friday night. Nine others were injured.

## CAR HITS BOY RIDING CYCLE

Police Seek Driver Of Automobile

McALLEN — County patrolmen Saturday were searching for the driver of the automobile which struck J. D. Trotti, 11, as he was riding his bicycle along the Pharr-Hidalgo highway Friday noon and drove on without offering aid.

Young Trotti, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Trotti of Hidalgo, narrowly escaping serious injury, was thrown clear of the car whose impact bent his bicycle in half. Constable Tom Bryan said. As the child was trying to make his way to a neighboring house he was met by Tomas Perez who carried him to a nearby home.

The physician who attended young Trotti Friday evening in McAllen said the boy was badly shocked and bruised.

No information could be given by the boy concerning the car which struck him. He told Bryan he was riding west near the twin canal bridge on the highway as the car which was going east struck him.

County Patrolmen Truett Jordan and George Murray were making the investigation with Bryan.

## A.C.J.M. Officers Hold Installation

McALLEN — Officers of the A. C. J. M. were installed Saturday night at ceremonies held in the Parish Hall of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Installed were Victorino V. Garcia, president; Mauro Perez, vice president; Manuel Fuentes, secretary and Francisco T. Luna, treasurer.

The association, the Catholic Association of Mexican Youths, was founded in 1928 by J. M. Davila of McAllen. At present there are groups in Mission, McAllen, Edinburg, Weslaco, Mercedes, Harlingen, San Benito and Brownsville.

## Dies Group Given Praise By Senator

SANTA FE, N. M. — (AP) — The work of the Dies Committee investigating un-American activities "on the whole" Saturday received the ok of Rep. J. J. Dempsey (D-N.D.).

Saying he would vote for its continuance, Dempsey, often a critic of the committee's procedure, declared the group had "made some mistakes that could have been avoided," but "has been doing a good job generally and a necessary one."

## SANTA CLAUS OF THE RAILS SET FOR HIS ANNUAL SPEEDY DELIVERY

FORT WORTH — (AP) — Santa Claus of the rails packed his sack and combed his spunk-glass fireproof whiskers Saturday, all set to bring a touch of Christmas to scores of poor folk along the right-of-way. He will roll his big passenger train northward toward Oklahoma Sunday, the cab of his engine piled high with gifts of candy, fruit, toys.

For 38 years Joe Gerard, 71, oldest active engineer on the Santa Fe Lines, has assumed the role of Santa for many families who live along the tracks between Fort Worth and Purcell, Okla. But for him, many of these folks wouldn't have a Santa Claus.

Alongside the rails for 200 miles he tosses gifts on the fly, to his waiting friends.

All the packages he loads into the engine, gaily wrapped and tied, are padded so they won't be damaged when he throws them to the waiting children and grown-ups along the way. Gerard knows each family and he knows where each will be waiting Sunday. He leaves here at 8 a. m.

Gerard receives "thank you" letters from most of these friends, some of whom tell him he is the only St. Nick their children know. Gerard buys the gifts with his own money.

## Sports Poem Will Be Read Over Air

SAN BENITO — A sports poem by J. C. Elstner of San Benito will be read at 8:15 Sunday over the Columbia system sports program, according to word received here Saturday. The poem is entitled "The Sportsman's Christmas."

The poem will be read by Ann Elstner, daughter of the writer and former San Benito resident, who has been a radio actress for a number of years, being especially known for her lead role in the Stella Dallas program.

## HERE FOR FUNERAL

McALLEN — Among those who were in McAllen to attend funeral services of Mrs. J. D. Head Friday morning were M. S. Blanche Hamilton, Corpus Christi; Mrs. Z. Foster, Ruth Foster, Mrs. Sid Knight and Mrs. Sid McCraw, Kingsville; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Head, Alamo; Mrs. Sam S. Taylor, San Saba and Mrs. Louise Casparis, Johnson City.

## Greetings



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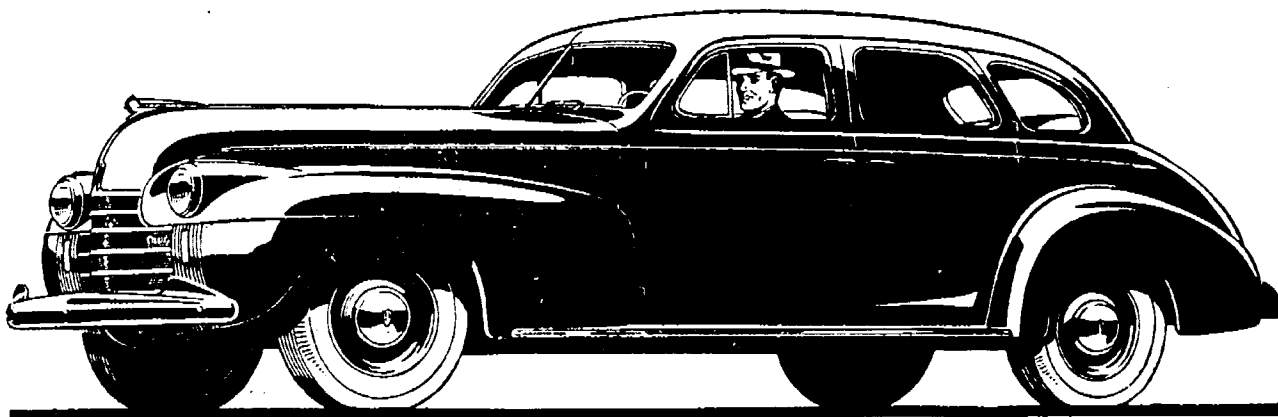
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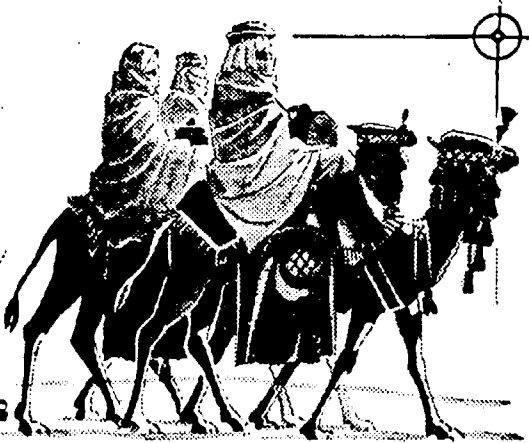
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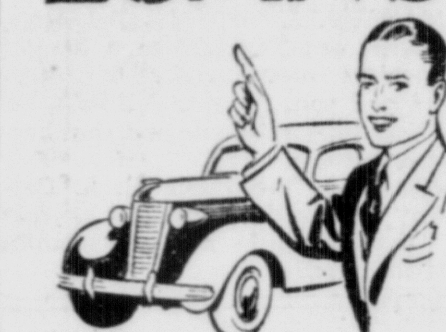
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### AUTO PERSONAL

Loans in 30 Minutes

**Magnolia Finance Co.**

117 1/2 W. Jackson Phone 1068  
Harlingen

## 10. FOR SALE

### 10a Household Goods

ELECTRIC REFRIGERATOR or Servel Electrolux. Excellent condition. Terms 1445 Southeast Adams. Phone 112, Brownsville.

### 10c For Sale, Miscellaneous

MICHIGAN APPLES, \$1.25 a bushel. C. and M. Fruit Stand, 816 West Harrison, Harlingen.

FOR SALE: Electrolux, used 1 year. Cost \$300.00. My price \$150.00. Ozarka Water Co., Harlingen.

DIAMOND RING, two-carat perfect, in man's mounting. Will sacrifice for cash. P.O. Box 101, Brownsville, Texas.

25 ACRES land with nice residence and garage. Close to Samfordyce Oil Field, Hidalgo county. Write Box L-62, care of Herald, Brownsville.

## CARL & BILL

Welding and Machine Works  
Boilers, Pumps, Tanks, Tractors  
We specialize in tractor parts

Phone 576 405 W Harrison

FOR SALE: Three 10-foot show cases. Brown's Jewelry, McAllen.

### 10g Feed and Fuel

FOR SALE: Baled hay, cane and hygeria. Ten and twelve dollars ton FOB farm. Ed Terry 3 1-2 miles northeast Lyford, Box 213.

### 10i Seeds, Plants, Flowers

ROSES AND OTHER CUT FLOWERS: also funeral designs. Mrs. O. E. Taylor, Riverside, phone 1320, Brownsville.

## 9. FINANCIAL

### 9b Auto Loans

## 1 To 12 Months To Pay

New Low Rates on Secured Loans—From \$50.00 Up  
We make loans on any chattel of value including tractors, farm equipment, trailers, cattle, store fixtures, commercial machinery and

## AUTOMOBILES

This new service is in addition to our efficient personal loan department where you may obtain a loan of from \$5 to \$30 if you are steadily employed.

## CO-SIGNED LOANS ALSO MADE

Consolidate your debts and pay one payment instead of several.  
We Want Your Business And We Have A Service To Fit Your Need. Come In And Talk With Us—No Obligation

## COMMUNITY LOAN CO.

L. M. NORRELL, Mgr.  
No. 6 S. 15th St. McAllen Telephone 825

## 10. FOR SALE

### 10i Seeds, Plants, Flowers

ATTENTION GROWERS: We have just received a car of Landreth bean seed, Landreth tomato seed. Potato bags, 5 1/2 cents. Sulphur, Insecticides, Hangers, Valley Bonded Warehouse, Inc., Brownsville.

## 11. LIVESTOCK

### 11a Dogs, Cats, Pets

FOR SALE: Chow pup, red male, pedigree, five months old. Ideal traveler in car. Has been in 14 states. Reasonable to right party. Make this a Christmas to be remembered. 1420 Garfield, Brownsville.

### 11b Horses, Cattle

#### MONEY IN LIVESTOCK

Mr. Schafer and Son, Rio Hondo, purchased 12 young Jersey cows at \$20.00 per head. Let their calves run with them and feed some silage. Thursday they sold the calves at Auction at Parker's Sales Yards in Harlingen at around 7 months old. They brought \$22.00 each, and leaving the cows ill heavy springers again. There is money in livestock in the Valley.

### COL. R. S. PARKER

#### 11c Poultry, Supplies

TURKEYS: Fancy dressed, order early. B. A. Mapes, 1 mile south Baker Potts Nursery. Phone 6016-F-21.

LARGEST PRODUCTION sexed pullets and males and R.O.P. sired chicks in Southwest. Prices no higher than for common chicks. R.O.P. sires out of 232-312 egg hens. Discount 1940 orders. Catalog free. DIXIE POULTRY FARMS, Box 204, Brenham, Texas.

### 11e Auctions

#### LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Every Thursday 10:30. Sale this week was very active in all divisions. Many buyers were present and spirited bidding created a good demand for all of our offerings with prices paid, on the up trend. Another fine offering next Thursday. Mr. Buyer and seller for quick cash and satisfactory results consign your livestock to our sales yards. Our 40 years experience should give you top service in all livestock transactions.

### PARKERS SALES YARD

Harlingen

## 14. RENTALS

### 14a Apartments

HALL APARTMENTS: Furnished apartments 521 E. Tyler, Harlingen.

#### FOR RENT

Furnished apartment and houses. \$18.00 to \$60.00. Unfurnished apartments and houses \$12.50 to \$40.00. Attractive bedrooms.

Listings Appreciated  
MRS. J. L. SWANN Harlingen  
Phone 1169-W

THREE-ROOM furnished apartment. Utilities paid. Electric refrigerator. Linens furnished and laundered. Rio Grande Courts, Harlingen.

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SWEENEY APARTMENTS: furnished apartments, modern, electrical refrigerator; garage. Walking distance. Winter rates reasonable—no increase in rent. Reduced summer rates begin March 15. First and Adams, Brownsville.

THREE-ROOM furnished apartment. Electric refrigerator, tile bath; Apartment 4, 309 East Monroe. See Dan Heslop, Johnson's Cafe, Harlingen.

FOR RENT: Five-room apartment, furnished, upstairs, reasonable. Close in, Phone 578, 422 Southeast Levee, Brownsville.

### 14c Houses

FOR RENT: Five-room house. Close in. Call at 418 East Harrison, or phone 464, Harlingen.

SIX-ROOM HOUSE Modern, unfurnished. G. W. Steiger, c/o Palm Hotel, phone 931, Harlingen.

## 9. FINANCIAL

### 9b Auto Loans

## 16. REAL ESTATE

### 16b Lots for Sale

### One-Acre Lot Near New High School

Just outside city limits. All utilities. Restricted by owner. Why build that ranch-style home on a city lot when you can have an acre at the same price? . . . Phone 987, McAllen.

### 16c Farms, Ranches

MAKE YOURSELF a Christmas present. Small acreage, modern house, reasonable—only \$300 cash down. Anglin, phone 1014, Harlingen.

### Lucky Day For You

When? Now, today. If you will be wise enough to buy these real bargains that are being offered from day to day.

10-Room House on paved street. All modern, just the thing for a large family. Bargain, yes a real one. Worth \$6500.00. Our price only \$4500.00. Good terms.



# Foreign And Water Shipments Of Valley Seen On Increase

## NEW REPORT IS GIVEN OUT BY WINFREY

Export Gain Of 251 Times Is Noted

WESLACO—Foreign and water shipments of Lower Rio Grande Valley citrus fruit and vegetables featured efforts of Valley shippers and growers to gain new markets for their steadily expanding production, according to information included in the annual marketing report of the United States Market News Service for the 1938-39 season. The report has just been compiled by R. E. Winfrey, Valley representative of the news service.

Export shipments of fresh fruit during the citrus season which closed last April were 251 times greater than during the 1937-38 season, the report showed. A total of 251 cars or about 100,000 boxes were shipped to England, Scotland, Norway and Sweden.

Fresh fruit handlers believe that the increased sale of treated and refrigerated fresh citrus fruit in the European countries resulted primarily from introduction of Texas citrus by-products several years ago in continental markets.

War Hindrance Seen

One of the pioneers in this direction was E. C. Christensen, now president of the Christensen Products Company of Weslaco, whose experimental shipments of grapefruit juice in barrels to London and Liverpool began in 1934. Christensen's particular effort has now spread to France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden.

Other shippers and canners have since joined in the work of introducing Texas fresh grapefruit and by-products into European markets.

While shippers decline to be quoted directly, there is an evident feeling that this pioneering work may have gone for naught as the result of the outbreak of the European war. Some believe it possible that some grapefruit juice and a little fresh fruit may be sold overseas but the terrific increase in war risk insurance and the increase in ocean freight prices as a result of the outbreak of war may preclude further development of a new market for Texas expanding grapefruit production. In addition, the practical impossibility of shipping these products in American vessels because of the neutrality laws preventing American ships from entering the war zones, which now blanket the promising markets of England, France, Belgium and the Netherlands.

Ports Have Increased

A total of 662 carloads of Valley fruits and vegetables moved to market through the deep-water ports at Port Isabel and Brownsville during the last season, the report showed. While comparatively small with relation to the section's total movement of perishables, they nevertheless represented an increase of 377 cars, or slightly more than 132 per cent, over water shipments for the 1937-38 season and set a new all-time record for water shipments. The previous high in water shipments had been reached when 383 cars were shipped during the 1936-37 season.

Shipments by water during the 1938-39 season were divided as follows: grapefruit 589, oranges 10, for a citrus total of 599 cars; onions 42, peppers 8, potatoes 6, squash 4, tomatoes 2 and mixed vegetables 1, for a vegetable total of 603 cars.

European fresh fruit shipments by water are divided as follows as to destination: London, 214.5 cars; Liverpool, 30; Newcastle, 1; Glasgow, Scotland, 1; Sweden, 1.5; Oslo, Norway, 3 cars. American water shipments were divided as follows: New York, 252 cars; Boston, 86 cars. The only orange shipments by water included eight cars to New York and two cars to Boston. New York and Boston were the only destinations of water shipments of Valley fruit because the shipments were distributed from those points to surrounding markets.

Canadian shipments have not been included in the figures quoted since Canada is generally considered an "American" market as differentiated from an "European" or "foreign" market.

Three people out of every four, in New York, are born under alien flags.

## Death Valley Scotty Pays Visit To Movie Location

CALABASAS, Calif.—(P)—Death Valley Scotty visited a movie company on location. It was a scene which in real life was quite familiar to him, a famous western bonanza town.

"What's the mules?" was his first question. There were no mules, only horses.

"Them swingin' doors do look invitin'," he commented.

The set is made up mostly of saloon fronts of the 1860s days.

"But it don't look natural like to see them miners and cow wranglers sipping pop with a straw in the bottle, and eatin' ice cream off a stick."

Alan Hale and Guinn "Big Boy" Williams looked real enough in their old time tugs. They shook hands with Scotty. Each time he settled down to talk about the old days of silver and gold, a whistle blew. Everyone put fingers to their lips for silence while the cameras were grinding.

The desert man met some old-timers. One was James A. Farley, leatherfaced, looking like a real old Virginia City miner. He has been doing bits in pictures since 1914.

"Hyar yuh!" Scotty bellowed. Camera men scowled.

Farley beamed.

"Didn't know you'd remember me, Scotty," he said, gripping the prospector's hand.

"Sure! You uster be a copper and many's the night I walked the beat with you back thar in 1909," Scotty roared. Those were the Los Angeles days when Scotty roamed about with a big black coat, deep pockets filled with rich gold quartz and lined with fishhooks to hook any light-fingered gent.

Scotty was restless as usual. The press agents wanted to get a photo of him with Errol Flynn, the star.

"Wal, bring him around," Scotty said jovially. "He'll be around soon. He's getting his makeup on," the movie boys replied.

He was heartily with Flynn, inviting him to the castle. The movie star smiled happy appreciation.

"How about you and Flynn going out to hunt for the lost bullion?" one of the press agents suggested. He explained the theme of the picture about \$5,000,000 in gold bullion having been buried and lost, was based on real history.

"Ain't much news in that," Scotty ejaculated. "Why they're diggin' for buried treasure right down in Hollywood Bowl. Why go into the rocks?"

"And let me tell yuh, don't put too much stock in them buried treasure yams. If it was buried, most likely someone's got it long ago. Reminds me of the story about the mule wagon with 20 barrels of whisky down in Lower Death Valley."

He went on despite the whistles for silence.

"It was lost all right. Drivers came in, said there was a sandstorm down near Wingate Pass, and that the wagons got buried, swallowed up in sand. Some folks believed them, and years later were digging down thar. Old desert rats did not. They knew some of the old Mormon wagons, abandoned years before, were still in sight, not far away. We figured thuh whisky was swallered all right, but it wasn't thuh sand did the swallering. If you fellers ain't got nothing else to do, go ahead and look for buried gold, but count me out."

Christmas Present Taken By Stranger

VENICE, Calif.—(P)—"Nice trees you got there," a motorist remarked to James W. Raridon, a Christmas tree salesman. "Think I'll take one along."

And the motorist, who displayed a pistol selected a tree. He also took \$36 of Raridon's money.

"Merry Christmas," he called as he drove away.

Turk Police Seize Nazi Club Records

ISTANBUL, Turkey—(P)—Turkish police Saturday raided the German club Teutonia, a Nazi meeting place, and seized books and records.

## Scouting Grows Mission Sees Record Applications

MISSION—A record number of applications for advancement in Boy Scout work was recorded for Mission, if not the Valley, in the Board of Review conducted this week at the First Christian Church by the Mission district board of scouts. Applications were approved for 66 advancements from members of three troops, it was reported by R. R. Sheeler, advancement chairman, who conducted the review board.

Awards for the rank advancement and merit badges approved this week will be made, with others approved in October and November, at a Court of Honor to be held next week, Thursday, December 28 at the First Christian Church at 7:45 p. m. Preliminary work for the court indicates that the court will possibly be the largest in the history of scouting in the Mission community. Mr. Sheeler said. A special invitation has been extended to parents and friends of the individual scouts to attend the honor court.

Highest of the advancements at this week's review was the Eagle advancement approved for W. C. Norris, scoutmaster of Troop 20.

## Legionnaires Hold Christmas Dinner

McALLEN—About 100 members of the McAllen American Legion Post attended the annual Christmas dinner Friday night at the local hall. A program of extemporaneous speakers featured the entertainment arranged by T. W. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Sigler and Mrs. H. W. Deans, were honored guests.

## Tax Judgments \$10,000 Is Awarded By Hidalgo Courts

EDINBURG—Six Hidalgo county subdivisions Saturday received delinquent tax judgments totalling \$10,064.58 against defendants in 11 suits tried in district court.

Hidalgo County Water Improvement District No. 2, the Pharr district, received judgments of \$3,634.99 and the city of Edinburg \$324.57 as plaintiffs. The county as intervenor in several cases was awarded \$3,026.42, and other intervenors and their judgments were: Donna school district \$1,066.67, Pharr school district \$155.00, and Edinburg school district \$656.84.

## Plans Are Suspended On McAllen Gas Line

McALLEN—Plans for immediate construction of McAllen's proposed \$18,000 municipal gas line were indefinitely suspended Friday when officials of the Rio Grande Valley Gas Company announced that they had just signed contracts with the only remaining pair of industrial plants in West McAllen which had not previously bought gas from the company under contract.

## U. S. Is Loser Court Bars Reopening Of Bank Affairs

EDINBURG—The federal government lost its effort Saturday to reopen liquidation proceedings involving the former American State Bank and Trust Company of Edinburg.

District Judge Bryce Ferguson denied the government's petition that the affairs of the bank, closed several months ago by the state banking commissioner, be placed again in the hands of the state officer. The court also dismissed A. P. Hicks as a defendant in the case. The petition was based on the government's claim that a case pending in federal court depends upon such a move.

Federal attorneys filed notice of appeal.

## Valleyites Reported Considered For Post

EDINBURG — To Hidalgo county men, District Judge Bryce Ferguson of 92nd Criminal District Court and Vernon B. Hill, prominent Mission attorney, are reported under consideration by Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel for the place on the bench of the Fourth Court of Civil Appeals in San Antonio recently vacated by Judge C. S. Slaton, associate justice of the court.

## Publicity Seen Texas Citrus Fiesta Draws Newsreels

MISSION — E. E. Marburger, chairman of the Texas Citrus Fiesta, announced Saturday plans for securing state and national publicity through the fiesta.

Marburger returned from Austin where he made arrangements for two and perhaps three newsreel companies to photograph various events during the program, to be held in January.

Next week, he will announce details for a state-wide radio hookup, emanating from Mission, which will draw attention to the citrus industry.

## Christmas Pageant Will Be Presented

SAN JUAN — About 60 young people will take part in the Christmas pageant to be presented in the San Juan People's Church Sunday at 7:30 p. m. The program is under direction of Mrs. G. C. Ritchey and Mrs. R. E. Williams.

An offering will be taken for the Christian Endeavor conference and convention fund.

## Pay Increases Given To Textile Workers

LAWRENCE, Mass.—(P)—Christmas became the merrier for approximately 50,000 New England textile workers, by the news Friday that, beginning February 5, their pay would be increased 7 to 10 per cent.

Smiling workers trod the streets of New England's big mill centers as the pay raise ball was started rolling by an agreement between the American Woolen Company, employers of 28,000 persons, and the textile workers union of America (CIO).

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Seasons Greetings To All

The Gang From ORVIS SEAL and TOMMY MONTGOMERY at Monty's Madison Hotel Drug Store

## R. C. Pryor's Mother Dies At Family Home

HARLINGEN—Word has been received here of the death, Wednesday, of the mother of R. C. Pryor, well known Harlingen man and president of the Harlingen Rotary club. Pryor's mother had been ill for some time. All of the children were at her bedside when she passed away, at the home in Smithville, Mo.

Funeral services were held Thursday in Kansas City, Mo.

## Kind Train Engineer Gets Turkey Dinner

WACO—(P)—Jim Hogl, railroad engineer, slowed down his train near Itasca the other day to let a flock of turkeys cross the tracks. Sunday he will eat turkey dinner.

The grateful owner of the fowls created one of the gobblers and shipped it to him in gratitude.

## Newtex Line Direct Weekly Service

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Sails New York Wednesday Sails Brownsville Monday

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## FURNITURE SPECIALS FOR NEXT WEEK!

### BEDROOM SUITE



Unfinished Chest of Drawers

Hardwood construction. Can be either varnished or painted to suit.

REG. \$9.95 SPECIAL \$6.95

### KITCHEN CABINETS



Porcelain tops, 2 drawers with cabinet space below with flour bin and double cabinet above. White or green finish.

REG. \$34.75 SPECIAL THIS WEEK \$19.95

95¢ Down 50¢ Week

### 50 lb. COTTON MATTRESS



HEAVY ACA TICKING

SPECIAL THIS WEEK 45¢ Down and 50¢ Week \$9.95

### 2 BURNER Kerosene Stove



Green and black finish. Asbestos wicks. Glass fuel tank.

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### Combination STOOL AND LADDER



Rigidly re-enforced throughout. Rubber padded top. Step-ladder folds under stool.

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## From The Bottom Of Our Hearts We Say—



Merry Christmas

The Valley Independent Grocers sincerely thank you for your patronage during 1939 and wish you a happy and prosperous New Year.

Each store will name its own specials this week-end. Watch our next week for our weekly specials.

Again we thank you and may 1940 bring you lots of joy and happiness.

## VALLEY INDEPENDENT GROCERS

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SHELTON'S FOOD STORE Harlingen	ELLIFF'S PENNY SAVER GROC. Combes
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CENTRAL GROC. & MKT. Mercedes	MISSION GROC. & MKT. Mission
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...from every member of this organization. We are pleased if we have been of service to you at any time in the past and invite you to call on us at any time in the future.

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# LUBBOCK IRONMEN ENTER FINAL PLAY

## Woodrow Wilson Defeated In Semi-Final Round As Lubbock Displays Power

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF

DALLAS—(P)—Seeping power in every surge, Lubbock's ironmen blasted Woodrow Wilson into a 14-0 defeat here Saturday afternoon and entered the state schoolboy finals for the second straight year. The "Cinderella boys" from the plains country—but you can't call them that any more after Saturday's demonstration of rugged might—thoroughly outclassed a stubborn Woodrow Wilson team that never could get past the Westerner's 20-yard line.

Lubbock used only 11 players for 57 minutes of the game and the way they drove and socked it was plain to see they didn't need any help.

Lubbock scored with about five minutes to go in the second period with a 79-yard drive that left the crowd of 12,000 gaping in amazement. Leete Jackson, Joe Tyson and Howard Alford took turn about blasting the line with Tyson climaxing the surge to crush over from the one-yard line for a touchdown. Tyson kicked the point.

Lubbock tried but two passes were completed, the second one for a touchdown in the fourth quarter. Pete Cawthon pitching the ball straight into the arms of Jackson across the goal line. It was a 20-yard heave. Tyson again added the point.

The statistics tell the story. The Westerners rolled up 250 yards net from scrimmage to 46 for Woodrow and showed 16 first downs to four. Only in passing—and most of this came in the fading minutes, with the game—did Woodrow Wilson show an advantage. Red Maley, the star of the Dallas team, was rushed all afternoon and only after the Lubbock let down with 14 points stowed away did he click with his passing.

He pitched them to Sid Halliday and Jim Hayes for long gains but never could penetrate the Lubbock 20-yard stripe. Each time the Wildcats threatened to score a Westerner bobbed up to intercept a pass. The first time it was L. A. Stors whook a heave on the Lubbock 20. The next time it was Franklin Butler who gathered in Maley's pitch on the Lubbock nine.

Tyson, 165-pound fullback, was the driving power of the Western or backfield Saturday. Tyson was out until the district campaign started as the result of a broken bone in his leg, but when he got started regularly the Lubbock team became unbeatable.

He sparked the first drive for a touchdown against Woodrow Wilson and figured in every Westerner surge. Jackson, as a deceptive runner, and Alford, aiding Tyson at plunging, were close behind him.

In the second period Maley pointed to the Lubbock one-yard line and Jackson tried to run it out. He was downed on the two but Tyson nipped to the Lubbock 26. Here the Westerners held Woodrow Wilson to 5-1-2 yards in four tries and that was as near as the Wildcats got to a penetration.

Taking the ball at this point, Alford, Jackson and Tyson drove to a first down on the 41. Reece lost 5 then made 12 and Tyson got the first down on the Woodrow 45. Jackson and Tyson smashed to the Woodrow 34 for another first and Alford added another in two tries to ram his way to the Woodrow 23. Tyson made 3 and Jackson drove to a first down on the Wildcat 12. Tyson made one, Alford four and Jackson six, then Tyson smacked the line for a touchdown. His try for point was true.

The second Lubbock counter came as the climax of a 58-yard drive. Jackson returned Maley's punt to the Lubbock 44. Tyson got five in two tries and Alford whirled around end to race to the Woodrow 25. Woodrow Wilson was penalized 15 for unnecessary roughness and three tries lost 10 yards but Tyson, showing his versatility, stepped back and pitched a pass over the goal line to Jackson, then added the point.

Pat Farris, a bruising tackle, led the Westerner line. The injured Jim Cody, a guard, and Bob Hickman, who performed at the other guard post, stood out for Woodrow Wilson.

The lineups: Lubbock Pos. W. W. Bearden Left End Tillery Left Tackle Brisendine Left Guard Cody Right Guard Hickman Center Watkins Right Guard Houtchens Right Tackle Halliday Right End Halliday Quarterback Maley Left Half Moncrief Right Half Hayes Fullback Reece

Score by periods: Lubbock 0 7 0 7-14 Woodrow Wilson 0 0 0 0-0 Lubbock scoring: Touchdowns, Tyson, Jackson; points from try.

They will be back Tuesday morning for two-day workouts until Thursday night, when they entrain for Biloxi, Miss., their training site until new year's morning.

Decision to play the game in Dallas was reached after a conference of two hours and fifteen minutes between school officials here Saturday night.

Two Other Bids Fort Worth and Abilene also entered bids for the contest.

Waco reached the finals yesterday by defeating Austin of Houston 7-0. Lubbock won over Woodrow Wilson (Dallas) 14-0 here Saturday to go into the state title game for the second season in a row.

Dr. W. B. Irwin, as spokesman for the officials, said Dallas was selected principally because of the facilities for taking care of a crowd such as the state final usually draws.

He pointed out that Abilene made a very generous offer but that only about 15,000 could be accommodated in the stadium there and that Waco could take care of about 17,000 while Lubbock's capacity is 12,000.

Dallas Offer Dallas will furnish the field, tickets, policing of the field and a cover for the field without cost to the two schools.

Midjet Auto Card Slated At Mission MISSION—Under-cover rivalry between Valley and up-state midjet auto drivers came out in the local competition here Saturday. The Valley's top racers issued a challenge to the "northerners" for a special event to be staged each day at the Sunday and Monday racing programs carried for the American Legion Speedway in Mission.

The challengers, Bo Scott, Gordon Sibson, and John Garrett, are offering the up-state drivers the privilege of choosing any three contestants from their group to be pitted in the special competition. The first foreign race will be one of the eight events scheduled for each day of the double bill.

Thirteen up-state drivers in the southwest circuit have registered for the week-end program and will join with five Valley drivers in the eight events to be staged each day. Among up-state drivers are Ben Music, Jay Boethe, and Cotton Grable who have proven popular in earlier programs at the Mission track. Here for the first time will be Tex West, Jack Crawford, Red Fronken and Rex Edmonds.

Annual Basketball Championship Tilt COLUMBUS, O.—(P)—America's outstanding college basketball teams will clash March 30 at Kansas City, for the second annual National Collegiate Athletic Association championship now held by Oregon, H. G. Olsen, of Ohio State University, said Saturday in announcing plans for the post-season classic.

Olsen, originator of the national tourney idea, and chairman of the general committee, set March 22-23 for the district playoffs by four teams east of the Mississippi and four from the west, each district to select one representative. The western playoffs are scheduled at Kansas City, but the site has not been selected for the eastern sector.

Texas Aggies Halt Practice For Tilt COLLEGE STATION—(P)—The Texas Aggies called a halt Saturday to practice for their Sugar Bowl game with Tulane and headed home for Christmas.

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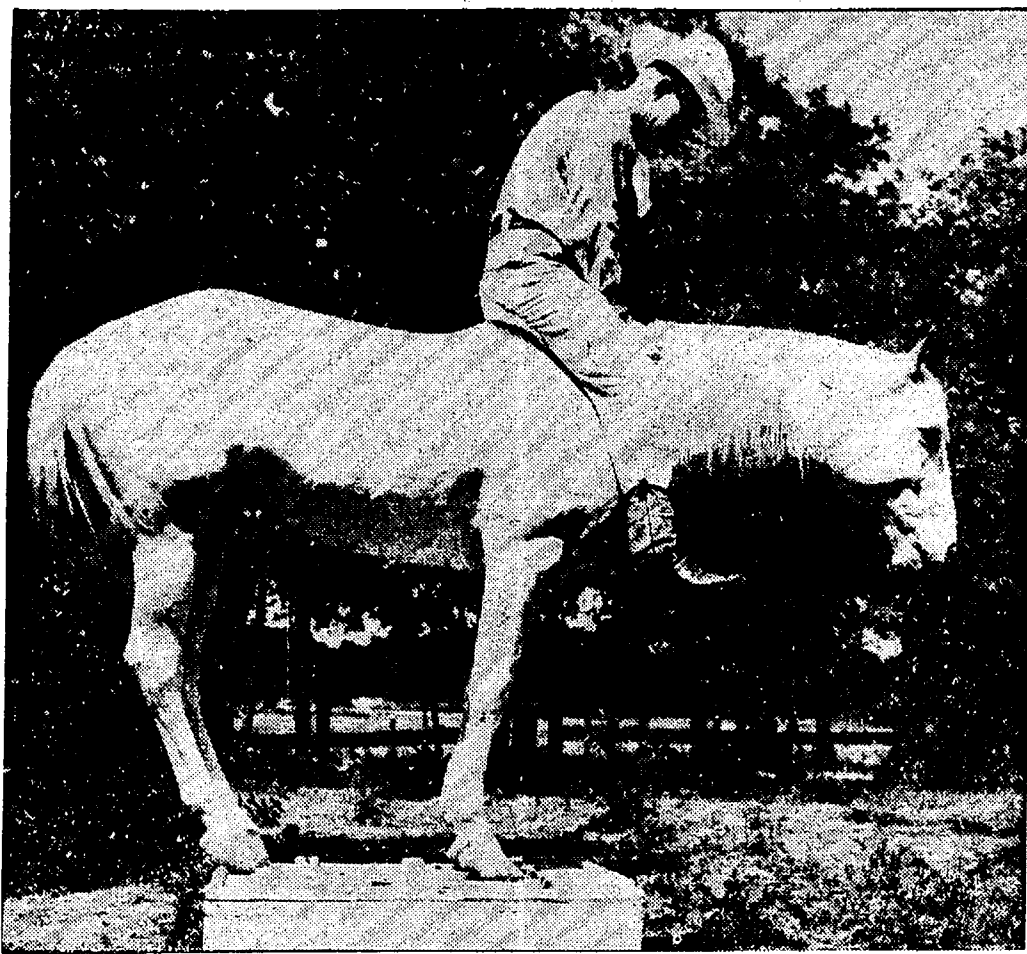


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E. C. "DOC" OSBORN, Sports Editor

Sunday, December 24, 1939

## 'At The End Of The Trail'



"Desert Chief" the \$5,000 Arabian stallion imported direct from Alexandria, Egypt, with his owner, Jack Sellers of San Antonio. "Desert Chief" is shown in one of his acts representing "The End of the Trail." Mr. Sellers and his educated horse are to feature in the rodeo to be held at the Arroyo Rodeo Arena in Harlingen on Saturday Night, December 30th, and Sunday Afternoon, December 31st.

## Six Of Nation's Outstanding Quints Will Invade Madison Square Garden

NEW YORK—(P)—Six of the nation's outstanding college basketball teams will invade Madison Square Garden the coming week to make the stretch between Christmas and New Year's one of the most exciting in New York's court history. The Westerners held Woodrow Wilson to 5-1-2 yards in four tries and that was as near as the Wildcats got to a penetration.

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The lineups: Lubbock Pos. W. W. Bearden Left End Tillery Left Tackle Brisendine Left Guard Cody Right Guard Hickman Center Watkins Right Guard Houtchens Right Tackle Halliday Right End Halliday Quarterback Maley Left Half Moncrief Right Half Hayes Fullback Reece

Score by periods: Lubbock 0 7 0 7-14 Woodrow Wilson 0 0 0 0-0 Lubbock scoring: Touchdowns, Tyson, Jackson; points from try.

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Decision to play the game in Dallas was reached after a conference of two hours and fifteen minutes between school officials here Saturday night.

Two Other Bids Fort Worth and Abilene also entered bids for the contest.

Waco reached the finals yesterday by defeating Austin of Houston 7-0. Lubbock won over Woodrow Wilson (Dallas) 14-0 here Saturday to go into the state title game for the second season in a row.

Dr. W. B. Irwin, as spokesman for the officials, said Dallas was selected principally because of the facilities for taking care of a crowd such as the state final usually draws.

He pointed out that Abilene made a very generous offer but that only about 15,000 could be accommodated in the stadium there and that Waco could take care of about 17,000 while Lubbock's capacity is 12,000.

Dallas Offer Dallas will furnish the field, tickets, policing of the field and a cover for the field without cost to the two schools.

Midjet Auto Card Slated At Mission MISSION—Under-cover rivalry between Valley and up-state midjet auto drivers came out in the local competition here Saturday. The Valley's top racers issued a challenge to the "northerners" for a special event to be staged each day at the Sunday and Monday racing programs carried for the American Legion Speedway in Mission.

The challengers, Bo Scott, Gordon Sibson, and John Garrett, are offering the up-state drivers the privilege of choosing any three contestants from their group to be pitted in the special competition. The first foreign race will be one of the eight events scheduled for each day of the double bill.

Thirteen up-state drivers in the southwest circuit have registered for the week-end program and will join with five Valley drivers in the eight events to be staged each day. Among up-state drivers are Ben Music, Jay Boethe, and Cotton Grable who have proven popular in earlier programs at the Mission track. Here for the first time will be Tex West, Jack Crawford, Red Fronken and Rex Edmonds.

Annual Basketball Championship Tilt COLUMBUS, O.—(P)—America's outstanding college basketball teams will clash March 30 at Kansas City, for the second annual National Collegiate Athletic Association championship now held by Oregon, H. G. Olsen, of Ohio State University, said Saturday in announcing plans for the post-season classic.

Olsen, originator of the national tourney idea, and chairman of the general committee, set March 22-23 for the district playoffs by four teams east of the Mississippi and four from the west, each district to select one representative. The western playoffs are scheduled at Kansas City, but the site has not been selected for the eastern sector.

Texas Aggies Halt Practice For Tilt COLLEGE STATION—(P)—The Texas Aggies called a halt Saturday to practice for their Sugar Bowl game with Tulane and headed home for Christmas.

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## Reason Is Seen Why Boston Warts To Run Over Clemson

By FELIX R. McKNIGHT

DALLAS—(P)—One of the genuine reasons Boston College would like to flatten Clemson in the Cotton Bowl game is hidden in correspondence fluttering between the Boston and the Texas Aggies.

Boston, making by far its longest trip away from the Chestnut Hill campus and showing for the first time before Texas folk, is fairly itching to put the unbeaten Aggies on its schedule next season—say about October 5.

The Eagles, who arrive here December 28 for final workouts before the New Year's Day game with the Southern, co-holders of the Southern Conference title with Duke, lose only four men off this year's fine squad.

Negotiations have been going on between the Aggies, Sugar Bowl foes of Tulane, and Boston, loser of only one game, but nothing definite has been done. Boston's semi-official sources say the Aggies could expect a throng of about 42,000 if they accept the Boston date next season.

The Aggies, a sought after football team, have U.C.L.A. booked for '40 and are dickering with Purdue and Boston for other inter-sectional games.

Meanwhile, Dallas readied for the actual invasion of Boston and Clemson, a couple of foreign teams with great records who will settle their argument in neutral Texas.

Banks McFadden, the All-America triple-threat halfback, will arrive in town Tuesday while Boston will shake the snow of Massachusetts an drop in on Dallas Thursday.

One of the finest kicking duels ever witnessed in the southwest is expected if the weather is fair. McFadden, a lanky lad who has merely kicked a football more than two miles for an average of 40 yards in his three years at Clemson, will face Chuckin' Charlie O'Rourke of Boston, a boy who averaged slightly more than 43 yards on 46 kicks the past season.

Frankly, the game may settle down into sort of an O'Rourke-McFadden affair. The Boston Bear-pole, weighing only 153 pounds and doing his triple threatening from spindly legs, completed 31 of 71 passes for 556 yards and ten touchdowns.

McFadden, an all-around athlete, is the backbone of a Clemson team that lost only one game—to Tulane, 6-7.

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# YANKEES, LOUIS STANDOUTS IN YEAR

## Lineup Of Champions Seen Outstanding In Round-Up Of Activities During 1939

By FERD BROWNING

AP Feature Service Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Two men reclining on their haunches provided the symbolic highlights of a sports year that was generally good for "invincible" champions.

Ernie Lombardi, sitting helplessly alongside home plate while the New York Yankees scored their final World Series runs, summed up in a gesture of dazed surrender the futility of opposing Joe McCarthy's murderous crew.

Joe Louis, set down hard by a grotesque "lil' man" who refused to fear him, rolled over and bounced up with a merciless attack that reduced Tormentor Tony Galento to a blindly groping hulk—and silenced doubters who had said the Bomber wouldn't come back once he was hit hard and hurt.

The tenth, Right-fielder Goodman let the ball get by him and Catcher Lombardi, taking the late throw, was bowled over by Keller. While Ernie sat there, dazed, DiMaggio scampers safely by and the Reds were washed up.

DiMaggio and Bucky Walters, Cincinnati pitcher, won the most valuable player awards.

### Beer Barrel Flasco

The Yankees and Joe Louis—the names became almost synonymous with invincibility—were outstanding in a list of champions who came through as expected in 1939. All the way, along—clear through to Ted Allen, horseshoe champion for the seventh straight time, it was a parade that moved without too many hitches.

Super-excellence of the New York Yankees caused loud wailing among baseball experts and suggestions that means be taken to weaken them finally became fact. An American League ruling made late in the year banned trading within the loop by the championship club.

### Reds Fold Up

The Yankees coasted into the World Series 17 games ahead of the Boston Red Sox. Cincinnati beat off the St. Louis Cardinals in a home stretch fight that led the Reds' lead to 2-1-2 games.

But for the financial melon, the Reds might rather have stayed clear of the series. They would have been spared great humiliation.

Good Cincinnati pitching had to bow to better Yankee pitching in the first two games. Then, when the Reds finally hit, the Yankees hit harder.

Crowning blow to the National Leaguers' pride came in the fourth when they fell apart after going into the ninth inning two runs to the good. The score tied. Crosetti scored on a simple single by DiMaggio in the tenth. Right-fielder Goodman let the ball get by him and Catcher Lombardi, taking the late throw, was bowled over by Keller. While Ernie sat there, dazed, DiMaggio scampers safely by and the Reds were washed up.

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The year produced some good prize fights but Thrill No. 1 was Galento's third-round punch that put Louis on the floor for the first time in eight defenses of the heavyweight title. Louis punished Tony for his insolence and stopped three other challengers—John Henry Lewis in the first, Jack Roper in the first, and Bob Pastor in the eleventh round. Because it took Louis four rounds to stop Galento and 11 to catch Pastor there was talk of him slipping. He was that good—if the fight went beyond the first round he was "slipping."

Mystic training maneuvers had their ups and downs in '39. Lou Nova's Yoga methods may have worked against Max Baer but did no good as Lou took a bloody beating from the aforementioned Mr. Galento. Manager Jimmy Griggs' hypnotic powers got a lot of ballyhoo when his light-heavyweight, Melio Bettina, whipped Tiger Jack Flowers and was given the title in that class.

But the new sensation of the year, a dancing Dapper Dan from Pittsburgh, punctured Melio's hypnotic defense with as pretty a left jab as light fives have seen in years. Billy Conn, a beautiful boxer whose temper is at once his worst handicap and best crowd pleaser, beat Bettina again when Melio tried to regain his title and also trounced Gus Lesnevich. Conn weighs only 174 but wants to meet Louis when he gains weight. He invaded the heavyweight ranks once and stopped Gus Dorazio—but Dorazio isn't Louis.

Grinning Lou Ambers regained his lightweight title in a waterfront brawl with Henry Armstrong, who lost five rounds for low blows. Fred Astaire fell victim to Cetero Garcia's bold punching and lost the New York middleweight title. Al Hostak's victory over Solly Kreiger in four rounds gave him the N.E.A. world middleweight title. Pat Comiskey, mountainous New Jersey Irishman, established himself as the best heavyweight prospect of the year—Conn excepted if the Pittsburgher gains appreciable poundage.

Scholarly Nile Kinnick, voted the year's outstanding athlete, was the driving force of Iowa's great football team. Kinnick, a halfback, did everything but pass the ball back from center. Tennessee and Southern California were two of the champions who repeated as expected.

### Golf Drama A Plenty

Close finishes, spectators hit by screaming fairway shot, spectators who picked up balls in play, the most colossal blow-up in years and the threat of a strike by topnotch pros all combined to make 1939 a year of golf drama aplenty.

Sam Snead, taking eight strokes on the final hole, blew himself right out of the national open title. Byron Nelson, Craig Wood, and Denny Shute played off a three-way tie for it but the first two tied again (Wood's game going sour after a spectator hit by one of his drives had been carried, bleeding, across the green in front of him). Nelson won the two-way playoff.

Because Denny Shute was barred from the P.G.A. tournament for not getting his driver in on time, pros threatened not to play. Shute finally got in and the tournament went on. Henry Picard won from Nelson in an extra-hole match. In another tournament Picard barely nosed out the open champ but Nelson eventually received the difference between first and second prize money. (A letter that contained \$300 told him a woman spectator "who didn't realize what she was doing" had picked up his ball. The lost ball had cost Nelson what would have been the winning stroke.)

Curly-haired Bud Ward, who might have won from the pros in the open but for strokes lost when his ball hit a spectator, didn't give the field a chance in the National Amateur. He beat Ray Billows of Poughkeepsie 7 and 5 in the finals, and one-putted 29 of the last 66 greens.

Patty Berg, two-time champion, recuperated from an appendicitis operation as pretty Betty Jameson of Texas won the national women's title, defeating Dorothy Kirby of Atlanta. Alex Kyle of Britain won the British Amateur.

Andy Swedko, Pittsburgh steel worker, won the National Public Links title. Other winners: Vincent D'Antonio, Tulane, the Intercollegiate; Dick Burton, pro, the British Open; Harry Todd, Western Amateur; Byron Nelson, Western Open; Chick Harbert, Battle Creek, the Trans-Mississippi; and Ralph Guldahl, the Augusta Masters.

### Budgie Still Supreme

Vacation of the amateur tennis ranks by Don Budge left men's honors pretty much on the wide open side—except for the professional game, which was completely dominated just as completely as he had the "just for fun" end. Guaranteed \$75,000 for his touring services, the 1938 grand slam champ gave promoters a headache by beating Ellsworth Vines and Fred Perry an average of five out of seven matches in 70 engagements. Paying fans felt there wasn't much fun watching that kind of competition.

Davis Cup play had a touch of the international situation for flavor this year. Yugoslavia beat Germany with the Nazis' Roderich Menzel playing under the eyes of a bodyguard hired to protect him from rabid Yugoslavs who shouted "Back to the Sudetenland!" (Menzel was "acquired" by Germany along with Czechoslovakia.) Australia took the Yugoslavs in short order in inter-zone play here.

Then, when German bombs tore Poland apart and England declared war on the Nazis, the Aussies came from behind to avert what had begun to take on the appearance of a tremendous upset victory.

Bobby Riggs and Frank Parker of the funny forehand had dumped Jack Bromwich and Adrian Quist in the singles and two unknown youngsters, Jack Kramer and Joe Hunt, all but took the doubles. But the invaders pulled out and took the final singles matches.

Riggs, who in a week about hit the heights and tumbled to the depths, was supreme as he won the Wimbledon singles. He was terrible in play preceding the Davis Cup matches, then looked like a million against Bromwich. Quist downed him easily but the cocky kid won the national singles like the world's best amateur. The stirring play of Wilby Van Horn, though, to reach the finals against Riggs made the 19-year-old Californian the talk of the tournament.

Queen Alice Marble was a feminine counterpart of Budge in her domination of the women's scene. She beat svelte Kay Stammers at Wimbledon, paired with Sarah Palfrey Fry to take the doubles and won the mixed doubles with Riggs. She won the Irish championship, starred with Helen Jacobs as the U. S. kept the Wightman Cup again and had trouble only with Helen in the national singles.

Don McNeill won the French hard courts singles and I was U. S. clay courts champion.

On the turf, W. L. Brann's three-year-old Challeon won \$184,535 and was the horse of the year, taking the play away from the wheez-

## Connie Mack's Still Hoping At 77

'I Never Felt Any Better,' Aged Player Says

By DILLON GRAHAM

Sports Editor, AP Feature Service

PHILADELPHIA — Baseball's grand old man was 77 on December 23rd.

As a young man he enrolled in baseball when the game was little more than a rough and rowdy sandlot pastime. The best people looked down their long noses at it.

The tall lad loved the game but he couldn't get for some of the loud uncouth vulgar athletes who played it. He saw baseball outgrow this rowdiness, become the national pastime and the only sport which the President of the United States graces with his presence at opening games.

He was a player back in the days when the catcher took the pitcher's throw on the first bounce behind home plate.

He was a good catcher, but after a decade of playing he became a manager. In 1901 he came to Philadelphia to pilot the Athletics. He has been here ever since.

And during the years that he has passed through the prime of life and grown old, Connie Mack has always enjoyed the respect of baseball men. Clean, honest, fair, ambitious, enthusiastic, all baseball reveres him.

Cornelius McGillicuddy has molded some of the greatest teams in history. Five of his clubs won World Series (in 1910-11-13-29-30).

And now he has celebrated another birthday. His 77th. This birthday marks his 55th year in baseball.

A few months ago he was critically ill. Many thought he would not recover.

He has no thoughts of retiring. Far from it. Not until he builds another pennant winner.

"I'm not going to quit as manager until I feel that I'm slipping," he says. "And then, with a twinkle in his eye, he tells you, 'I feel fine, now. Never felt better.'"

Everyone hopes Connie will be around for a long time and another American League triumph for the A's would be a popular victory throughout the land. A victory for Connie.

## Chicago Grid Coach Soon To Know Fate

CHICAGO —(AP)—Clark Shaughnessy, the coach without a team, may know within 24 hours whether he will remain at Chicago, which has dropped out of intercollegiate football or go elsewhere to pursue the football coaching profession he has followed for many years.

Shaughnessy Saturday continued to remain silent on his future plans, a policy he has followed since the Chicago board of trustees announced Thursday night that Chicago no longer will be represented by a football team.

ing Johnstown when William Woodward's Kentucky Derby and Belmont Stakes winner was retired because of wind trouble.

Bimelech, 2-year-old pride of Col. E. R. Bradley, won each of six starts to stand out in that age group, earning \$135,000.

Workman was the Grand National Steeplechase winner at Aintree, England, and Blue Peter won the English Derby. Clencia took the \$50,000 Santa Anita Derby.

Biggest controversies of the year raged around installation of pari-mutuel betting systems in two states—New Jersey and New York—and the reinstatement of Jockey Don Meade. Meade, barred three years ago for betting against his own mounts, had won reinstatement in Florida. New York followed suit but Illinois said no.

Happiest better of the year was poolroom proprietor Claude Elkins of Anna, Ill. His \$2 daily double bet made by wire to Chicago's Washington Park (he had placed one almost daily for two years) paid him \$10,772.40.

### Sad Moments

The year in sports had its sad moments. Two blows hit the Yankees, Col. Jake Ruppert, the owner, died, and first baseman Lou Gehrig ended his successive games streak at 2,130. It was learned he was suffering from a strange form of paralysis. A flood of sympathy messages poured in to footballer Don Herring and his family after doctors amputated the Princeton tackle's leg—hurt on a kick-off play.

The death of Captain Charles "Pat" Rourke of the English international polo team, fatally injured during test matches preceding the Long Island games, caused world-wide grief among polo fans. J. Louis Comiskey, owner of the Chicago White Sox, and Dr. James Naismith, founder of basketball, were other sports leaders who died.

### Some Top Performances

Now for a quick look at some of the year's outstanding performances:

Speed Demon Sir Malcolm Campbell drove his motorboat, Bluebird II, at a speed of 141.74 miles per hour. Another Briton, John Cobb, put his mechanized monster, the "Railton Red Lion," over the Bonneville salt flats at 368.85 miles an hour, a new land record.

Wilbur Shaw averaged 115.035 miles an hour to win the 500-mile Indianapolis auto race—and Floyd Roberts, 1938 winner, went over the wall to his death, the 34th fatality in 27 races.

The Boston Bruins, conquerors of the Toronto Maple Leafs, 4 to 1, in the playoffs, won their first Stanley Cup in 10 years.

Detrit's Helen Hengstler, with 826 pins over in three games, was the nation's best woman bowler. James Danek of Forest Park, Ill., took the men's title but to William McGeorge of Kent, Ohio, an average bowler, went most hearty congratulations. An average bowler, he rolled a perfect 300, the sixth in 39 years in the American Bowling Congress.

Ellison Tarzan Brown, 24-year-old Indian, who'd "rather have a steady job," won the 26-mile, 385-yard Boston marathon by sprinting on the uphill stretches.

America's polo team trounced the English in the International Cup series, with Tommy Hitchcock, as usual, and Mike Phipps starring.

### California Wins Poughkeepsie

California won the Poughkeepsie 4-mile intercollegiate regatta in record time of 18 minutes, 12 3-5 seconds. Joe Burk, winner in previous 36 races, lost to Joe Angal in Baltimore's Middle Atlantic unlimited sculls.



CONNIE MACK

## West Squad Is Changed

SAN FRANCISCO —(AP)—Park Myers, a 235-pound giant from Austin, played tackle during his University of Texas football career but in the East-West all-star charity game here New Year's Day his talents will be combined in a running guard position.

Coaches "Biff" Jones of Nebraska and Orin Hollingsbery of Washington State College, sized up Myers Saturday in the second day of practice at the Palo Alto training camp and agreed the big fellow was the answer to one of their problems in building the western team.

The western mentor singled out Clyde "Bulldog" Turner, husky center from Hardin-Simmons, as another unusual individualist.

The west squad practiced on 14 plays during morning and afternoon workouts. Kay Eakin of Arkansas and Leroy Zimmerman of San Jose State College alternated at the tail-back, or left half, position. Ollie Cordill, right half from Rice Institute, developed a case of knotted leg muscles but was expected to mend quickly.

Rain forced the eastern squad to forego morning field drill but Coaches Andy Kerr of Colgate and Bernie Bierman of Minnesota had their 22 charges working at top speed later in the day.

## Net Stars Come Through Rounds

OKLAHOMA —(AP)—Don McNeill of Oklahoma City, ranked No. 3 in the nation, and Elwood Cooke of Portland, Ore., ranked No. 6, had a little trouble Saturday but won their way into the quarterfinals of the annual Oklahoma indoor tennis tourney.

Arriving a day late, McNeill played both his first and second round matches. He knocked over Lefty Brown of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., 6-2, 8-6, in the opener and then defeated Fred Royer of Dallas, 6-2, 6-4.

Conke was pressed hard to topple Crawford Bennett of Oklahoma City. Bennett had Conke on the ropes with a 5-2 lead in the first set, but wilted when the Portland player put on some pressure, and dropped the contest, 7-5, 6-3.

In the only doubles match of the afternoon, Warren Womble and Hugh Thompson of Southeastern State College, Durant, Okla., defeated Tom McCarthy, Wichita Falls, and Paul Bryant, Oklahoma City, 6-2, 6-3.

Semi-finals and finals of the singles and doubles finals will be played Sunday.

Other second round results included:

Singles: Bob Kamrath, Austin, Tex., defeated Billy McMurtry, Oklahoma City, 6-4, 6-4.

Fred Royer, Dallas, defeated John Kline, Tulsa, Okla., 6-3, 6-1.

When October school bells rang for Texas youngsters, 30,000 of them marched into light, airy classrooms in 105 new buildings constructed the past year with Public Works Administration allotments. In that period nearly \$14,000,000 worth of construction was begun on PWA educational projects in Texas, providing 839 new class rooms.

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## Top Tennis Players Are Given Ranks

Van Horn, Bernhard Are Prominent

NEW YORK —(AP)—Two youngsters from opposite sides of the North American continent, Wilby Van Horn of Los Angeles and Helen Bernhard of New York, were given prominent positions in the top tens of tennis ranking for 1939 as announced Saturday by the United States Lawn Tennis Association.

Van Horn, a lean, broad-shouldered kid with much of the power if not all the control of Don Budge, went to the final round of the men's singles championship at Forest Hills last September and thereby won fourth place. No. 1 position, of course, went to Chunky Bobby Riggs of Chicago, U. S. and Wimbledon titleholder.

Miss Bernhard, a diminutive miss who, like Van Horn, is barely out of the junior division, spread her accomplishments more generally over the season to advance from 17th place in 1938 to fourth place in 1939. The women's singles rankings also accorded top position, as a matter of course, to Alice Marble, the California blond who likewise won both at Wimbledon and Forest Hills.

## Catholic Is Feared By Arizona Mentor

TEMPE, Ariz.—(AP)—Coach Dixie Howell wants his Arizona State Teachers College team rated the underdog when it enters the football fray against Catholic University of Washington, in the Sun Bowl at El Paso, New Year's Day.

The wiry mentor, rated a few years back as one of the game's greatest passers, was in a blue funk Saturday over reports from El Paso that the Bulldogs are 7 to 5 favorites to topple the once defeated Cardinals.

Contending the Cardinals have the advantage of more power, weight and a tougher schedule, Howell discounted the possibility that weather conditions would necessarily work in Tempe's favor. Last time Tempe played on the El Paso field, the team was defeated by Texas Mines, 14 to 7. That was 1938.

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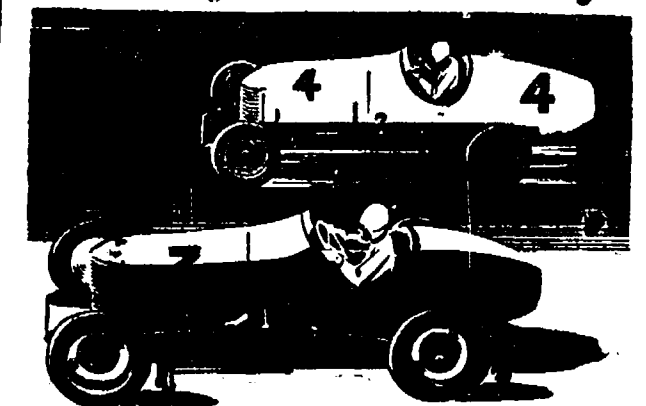
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## Rice Delays Naming Its Football Coach

HOUSTON —(AP)—The committee on outdoor sports of Rice Institute which will pick the school's football coach, marked time Saturday until an important meeting after the holidays.

At that meeting, some concrete decision or announcement may be decided upon, but to most observers, the situation already had been ironed out, and only the reaction of officials of North Carolina University was awaited.

Amarillo, largest city in the Texas Panhandle and close to the center of it, is nearer the capitals of four states—Santa Fe, N. M.; Denver, Colo.; Oklahoma City, and Topeka, Kan.—than it is to the Texas capital, Austin.

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# Christmas Of 1939 Should Be Happy One For State Of Texas

## YULE SPIRIT IS HIGH IN LARGE STATE, BUT CONTRIBUTIONS DROP

By The Associated Press

Yuletide of 1939 should become known to the generations of Texas as the happy Christmas.

Instances of acute distress that cloak Christmas beneficence in romance and tear drops seemingly were absent this year, although the number of families and individuals in want of food and clothing were no less numerous than in the past. Contributions for year-end relief, too, apparently were less than heretofore.

Singularly, the weather, silent whipping-boy for much of man's misfortunes, was charged with responsibility for the trickle of money to aid those in need. Charity agencies reported that the balmy temperatures which mantled the state through the fall had taken citizens' minds off the problems of the needy, and Brigadier William George Gilks, state Salvation Army commander, said "the warm weather seriously crippled donations to our kettles."

Said another observer of the charity problem: "Texas is too far south to set a Dickens scene every year."

Perhaps the example of the Salvation Army at Dallas was representative of all Texas cities. That organization distributed 500 bags of groceries on behalf of citizens who contributed the funds and held a party for children where more than 1,200 boys and girls received new shoes. Each bag represented three meals for families of five and were full of good things to eat.

But the tone of a happy Christmas for Texans swelled over the needs of the less fortunate.

In a world sundered by war and vibrating with the inarticulate cries of races submerged by conquerors, Texans looked at their peaceful, sun-lit land and called it blessed. No wars, nor want that could not be relieved readily, have touched it in nearly four score years, and even the stars have arrayed themselves to lend glory to the last Christmas of the decade.

In the early evening sky brilliant Venus glows close to the southwest horizon. High overhead, ruby-hued Mars, giant Jupiter and ringed Saturn form a sparkling heavenly necklace that approaches somewhat the arrangement in which these planets appeared shortly before the birth of Jesus.

Numerous business and industrial firms distributed generous bonuses to employees, and the thronged shops perhaps mirrored expanded employment and larger income, and key-d the song of optimism in America while the older continents consume themselves in the maw of warfare.

Notwithstanding, the spirit of Christmas—the visitation of Santa Claus—which dwells in the heart of kindly persons, walked the road of good deeds.

At Amarillo, a mother of six children, the youngest six months, was visited by members of a Sunday school class.

"What size shoes do your children wear?" asked one.

Tears came to the mother's eyes. "I don't know," she said. "They've never had shoes." They have shoes now.

Alonzo L. Burton of Sherman has been confined to his bed 47 years, from which he conducts a real estate business.

"I never think of Christmas as a time to get presents," he said. "The only way Christmas means anything to me is an occasion to do something for others. I've tried to be as useful to others as I can, and be as little trouble as possible."

A man feeble with age and ragged, lives alone in a shanty near Hamilton. His only relative, a son, lives in a distant city unaware of his father's scanty income sometimes is not sufficient to buy food.

The old man called at the post office and walked to a desk to read a letter from his son. On the desk stood a bottle bearing the inscription: "Four cents a day will buy milk for a needy school child." Tumbling in the pocket of his patched army trousers the aged man found a quarter which he dropped into the bottle.

The Christmas atmosphere is manifest in wondrous ways and unexpected places.

A smile broke the bleakness of the stamp clerk's face made taciturn and impersonal by years of correcting improper addresses and perusing patrons to improve their wrapping technique.

"Anything else," he asked, stamping a well-tied package while a long line waited patiently behind.

The customer was so flabbergasted he bought ten extra stamps.

The Christmas spirit in Texas is high.

## KIDS' PARTY IS HELD HERE 1800 Attend Event At Theatres

HARLINGEN—Eighteen hundred children Saturday morning, who came to see Santa Claus at the Interstate Theatres, receive a gift from him and see a free picture show, made up the largest Christmas Children's Party ever held here. Sherwood Johns, president of the Harlingen 20-30 Club, sponsors of the fete, said Saturday.

Aiding 20-30 Club members in policing the crowd of kiddies, in helping Santa distribute gifts, were members of Boy Scout Troop 21, Harlingen, members of the No Name Club, and staff members from the three picture houses.

Climaxing talks with Santa, and free gifts of candy, fruits and nuts, the children saw "The Underpup," starring Gloria Jean, and two other short subjects which constituted a full two-hour program.

Following the picture show party, Santa Claus and 20-30 Club members visited 22 sick kiddies in Harlingen, and took them Christmas gifts. Names of these shut-in children were obtained from doctors and school teachers.

"This was probably the nicest thing the club did this season," Johns said. "The club was well-repaid for all its work."

In connection with the home Christmas lighting contest, Johns said prizes would be announced the morning of December 28, and urged Valley citizens to drive through Harlingen's residential and business areas to view the displays.

"We are more than pleased with the results of the kiddies' Christmas party, the lighting program, the visits to sick children, the program of carols, and all other activities of the Christmas season," Johns said, and expressed his appreciation to the Community Chest fund for financial aid in making Christmas for Harlingen kiddies possible.

Program of recorded carols will be held from atop the Rio Grande National Life Building Sunday night and at 5 a. m. Monday, and 20-30 Club members will tour the residential section Christmas Eve with a program of carols, Johns said.

**PAYS PARKING FINE**

McALLEN—Mrs. Albin Ulrickson was fined \$1 by City Judge C. D. Martin Saturday for over parking.

## Mr. and Mrs. Stone Leave On Vacation

HARLINGEN—Mr. and Mrs. John L. Stone left Saturday night for a vacation trip to Oklahoma and other mid-western states. While in Oklahoma they will visit Mr. Stone's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stone of Okemah, Okla. They plan to return the second week of January.

**CHRISTMAS CHEERINGS**

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Pictured above is the \$60,000 addition to the McAllen filtration plant of the Central Power and Light Company, work on which will probably be finished in January or February. The project will give McAllen one of the largest and most modern water systems in the Valley, and is the largest industrial project undertaken in McAllen in 1939.

**Wisconsin Profanity Aids Christmas Fund**

GREEN BAY, Wis.—(P)—A group of Green Bay men who meet regularly in a tavern here turned their cussing proclivities to good account this year—fining themselves each time they used profanity and using the money to buy Christmas baskets for the poor.

Each member of the group agreed to forfeit a nickel for every offense. The box gave up \$25 Saturday.

**Radium Is Loaned Several Hospitals**

WASHINGTON—(P)—Two grams of radium, valued at \$50,000, will be distributed among 13 hospitals in 11 states within a few weeks, the public health service announced Saturday.

The radium will be loaned with the provision that patients not be charged for its use.

**Three Are Injured In Car-Truck Crash**

WEATHERFORD—(P)—Boyle Gunn, Wayne Baker and Dolpha Hull of Putman were injured Saturday when their car and a truck crashed seven miles east of here. Gunn was hurt critically.

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## CAMERON OIL TEST DROPPED

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BROWNSVILLE—Possibility of a fourth deep oil test in Cameron county is seen likely following abandonment of the third hole after striking salt water at 8,025 feet. This is the deepest of the four tests by 200 feet.

The last test, located near the Boca Chica highway immediately east of the Boca Chica-Port Isabel cutoff road, was abandoned late last week, but equipment is being left in this section, indicating a possibility of another test of the structures below the "salt flats" region.

EDINBURG—Miss Mary Frances Allen returned to her home in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, after spending the past three months with her aunt, Mrs. M. Lola Skinner and family.

McALLEN—Mr. and Mrs. Harris Cozby, Mrs. Oscar Folk and Dorothy Jean Folk left Saturday night for a visit relatives in Oklahoma and Kansas.

May the joys of successful achievement be yours for this Merry Christmas and throughout the many months of the New Year.

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# Society

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Sunday, December 24, 1939



(pictured at the upper left)  
Titian-haired Mrs. Charles Ferguson, one of the most attractive of McAllen's younger matrons, tries and tries again the arrangement she is fixing on the mantelpiece of her new home for the Christmas season. Mrs. Ferguson plans to have Christmas on a larger scale at her house next year when her six months old daughter, Belle D., will be on her way to becoming one of McAllen's sub-debts. (Staff Photo)

(pictured at the upper right)  
Christmas preparations were carried out in traditional style in the Edinburg home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Handley where Mrs. Handley was snapped by the cameraman as she put finishing decorative touches to the Christmas tree arranged chiefly for the benefit of their four year old daughter, Porter Clair. The Handleys left at the weekend for Sabinal, Texas, where they will be guests over Christmas in the home of Mrs. Handley's parents. (Photo by Brad Smith)

(pictured at the lower left)  
Younger brother and sister, Pat and Virginia Reed, keep a sharp watch for Santa Claus, as older sister Elizabeth goes about the serious business of hanging up stockings. "Ginger's" compressed lips indicate the degree of concentration on the look-out as she holds young Pat's sock tightly in both hands. All three are the charming youngsters of Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Reed of Brownsville.

(pictured at the lower right)  
Miss Rozanne Pile, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo V. Pile, climbs on a chair to get within reaching distance of the various gadgets and ornaments that make a Christmas tree sparkle and glitter. Miss Pile, a member of the Harlingen graduating class, is a favorite with the younger social set of the Lower Valley and has music as a special hobby. She expects to share in many festivities planned by the high school and collegiate group during the holidays.



## Yuletide Is Time For Trips

McALLEN — McAllen residents have been leaving for the past several days for far and near places to spend the holidays with parents and friends.

Mrs. Clay Zachry left Friday for Austin where she will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Clay Zachry, Jr. and Mrs. G. W. Newton of Fort Worth will also be with them for Christmas as will Mrs. H. E. Kyler, the young Mrs. Zachry's mother.

Mrs. Dorothy O'Brien, Miss Jean Crabtree and Miss Lois Honea left Friday for Brownwood to spend Christmas with her parents in Cumby.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. D. O. McClain of Minneapolis, Minn., will be here to spend the New Year holidays with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Campbell. The Minnesota and McAllen men are brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eathorne of Corpus Christi arrived last week to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moon left Friday for Dallas to spend the holidays with their mothers there. En route they stopped at Kerrville to meet their son, Nelson, a student at Schreiner Institute, who will accompany them.

Joined there by Mr. and Mrs. George B. Fish and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Loessburg and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ingie of Pleasanton, and Mrs. R. E. Frisby, the group will hold a family reunion. Mesdames Hart, Loessburg, Frisby, Ingie and Fish are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George Alley. Mrs. Percy Herman will leave Tuesday to visit her daughter, Louise, in New York City. En route she will spend one day in Austin as the guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pagenstecher.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Edwards and two children of Emporia, Kan., came Saturday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Edwards' sister, Mrs. George Osborne. While here they will go to Monterrey.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Evans of Robstown arrived Friday to spend the holidays visiting their parents in Pharr and McAllen. Mrs. Evans is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Garner.

Mr. and Mrs. David Garner, Jr., left Friday for Lockhart where they will spend the holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Weir and family went to San Marcos Saturday to visit her mother there during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Aubrey Thomas with their two daughters are spending Christmas in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wolff and son went to San Antonio for the Christmas period, as did Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Brown. Mrs. Brown will return to McAllen January 1 while he will be back at the beginning of next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin are expected to arrive Sunday from Austin to visit over the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Anne Jo Jones. Lois Benson left Friday to visit her parents, former Mission residents, now living in Jefferson, Mo.

## Sid Krings Hosts For Open House

HARLINGEN — Red and white colors were used with gay effect about the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney R. Krings Saturday afternoon when they held open house for a host of friends from Harlingen and throughout the Valley.

Holly was arranged throughout the home, while occasional clusters of poinsettias gave vivid color. Red candles gleaming in all the guest rooms gave the only light and accentuated the holiday atmosphere. This made the informal affair one of the most enjoyable of the pre-Christmas season.

Centerpiece for the table, laid with lace, was an arrangement of poinsettias about a huge white candle.

More than two hundred guests were received during the afternoon.

## Family Dinner Set For Christmas Day At Philip King Home

HARLINGEN — Mr. and Mrs. T. C. King, who have recently arrived from Glenview, Ill., will share in a family Christmas dinner at the home of their son, Philip King, and Mrs. King. Other guests for the holiday repast will be Mrs. L. P. Hallada, mother of Mrs. King, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Grimsell, and Jack Grimsell, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. King spent the winter in Harlingen five years ago and have taken an apartment for the present season at 410 E. Madison. They will be entertained Christmas Eve in the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Grimsell at Adams Gardens.

## Children Enjoy Christmas Party

RAYMONDVILLE — The three divisions of the fifth grade, numbering ninety children, had their Christmas celebration on Friday Morning in the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. John Serota and Miss Marjorie Finlay, teachers led the children in singing of carols. Miss Betty Conley accompanied. Mrs. Ruth Coole told the charming Christmas story "The Star of Bethlehem" and candles and fruits were distributed.

Room mothers are: Mesdames Norman Koger, Roger Robinson, Burton Rapp, Bert Richter, Ruth M. Coole, C. A. Oberg, J. S. Cook and Gertrude Brooks.

## To Wed Christmas Day



Miss Reva Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ewing D. Clark, will become the bride of Charles Allen Gregg of Corpus Christi, son of J. S. Gregg of Wichita Falls, in a ceremony to be read Christmas afternoon at five thirty o'clock in the First Baptist Church.

## Spanish Note Introduced In Pretty Church Wedding Solemnized in Mercedes

MERCEDES — Claiming affectionate interest of a large circle of friends was the wedding of Miss Virginia Butler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Butler of Blooming Grove, Texas, and H. C. Onstot of Goldthwaite, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Onstot of Austin. The impressive ceremony took place Friday evening, December 22, in the First Christian church with the pastor, Rev. M. Maurice Grove, officiating.

The beautiful service opened with the playing of "La Paloma" immediately after the ushers had lighted myriads of white candles.

The bride couple entered unattended to the melody of "The Bridal Chorus" from Wagner's "Lohengrin" and spoke their marriage vows kneeling beneath an arch of red bougainvillea at the altar. Baskets of poinsettias were placed about the front spaces of the church and the chancel rail was banked with red bougainvillea and fern.

The wedding music was played on the violin by Prof. Sol Zimmerman of Harlingen.

Ushers were Bob Schaeffer and Calvin Jones.

The bride wore a white tulle frock, made along princess lines, with puffed sleeves and close fitting bodice. In her hair she wore a Spanish comb with a white mantilla replacing the traditional bridal veil. Rhinestone clips at the neck of her dress were her only jewelry. She carried an arm bouquet of poinsettias.

Immediately after the ceremony, a wedding reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Schaeffer. The Christmas colors were emphasized in floral arrangements of poinsettias and greenery.

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Out-of-town guests for the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Allison, Brownsville; H. H. Onstot, father of the groom; Austin; W. H. Butler, brother of the bride; A. and M. College; Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Whigham and Mr. and Mrs. E. Whigham, McAllen.

## Many Visit In Edcouch

EDCOUCH — Christmas visits become of major interest as the holiday drew near and residents made ready for house guests or trips to other points to share in family reunions.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Bradley have as their guest for two weeks, their granddaughter, Marjorie Bradley, of Houston.

Mrs. J. A. Coker has as guests Mrs. Coker's brother, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Smith of Abilene and Mrs. M. F. Smith of Colorado. Mrs. Smith is Mrs. Coker's brother and Mrs. Smith is her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brieger and daughter, Helen, will spend Christmas at Runge with Mr. Brieger's relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Garner and children expect to have as their guests for the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Krauser of Shiner. Mrs. Garner and Mrs. Krauser are sisters.

Mrs. Paul Parvashold, who has been visiting in Shiner, and other points since Thanksgiving, will accompany the couple.

John Aregood of Riviera will spend the holidays with his sister, Mrs. R. C. Erwin, and aunt, Mrs. Ella J. Pleper.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thompson and children and J. R. Johnston will spend the holidays in Paris, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilson will spend the holidays at Hondo with Mrs. Isaac Wilson, Mr. Wilson's mother.

Miss Beatrice Hill will spend the holidays at Whitney with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoke McKim and daughters will leave this week-end for Bishop and Corpus to spend the holiday with relatives.

John Bowe, Joe Barker, and Paul Pierce of Texas University will spend the holidays in Edcouch with relatives.

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## This 'N' That

By Minnie Gilbert

ODD thing about family reunions that we're been discovering for the first time this year—

That the larger the family is the stronger the chances are that every member will be seated at the Christmas dinner table.

When families are small, it would appear that the urge to be together would be greater, but this does not seem to be the case.

THE entire E. C. Breedlove family will be reunited again this Christmas in the family home in Harlingen and Santa will find 17 stockings hanging from the mantel if each member cherishes the proper sort of hopes.

Vanguard for the S. R. Jennings family reunion arrived early and by tonight the entire roll of nine children, number one sons and daughters-in-law and several grandchildren, will be completed. No one has taken time to make a count but preparations for the event have been under way for weeks, though the reunion is held every Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Rodgers are rejoicing over the fact that their entire family of sixteen will be together for the holidays.

IN other Harlingen homes and throughout the Valley, family reunions are assuming greater importance even than usual at this Christmastime.

Scores of instances of trips involving a thousand to 1500 miles of travel for a day or even a half dozen hours with home folks have cropped up in news stories during the past few days. The number, certainly, reaches into the hundreds just in the Valley alone.

Which prompts the notion that Christmas observance is going deeper this year—perhaps because of the distress abroad—

That folks are actually trying to realize their own good fortune and do something to minimize the other fellow's misfortune—

And that this attitude isn't just an emotional state brought on by the usual orgy of Christmas giving, but a sort of awakening of responsibility for hitherto taken for granted privileges, a realization that will be distilled into other action during the next year.

At any rate, our impression is that folks generally are enjoying Christmas more this year and entering into various phases of its observance more spontaneously.

If we're wrong about this, please don't correct us.

CHRISTMAS Day when Margaret will be three years old, ages of the three children of the L. E. Tastos, San Benito, will be three, four and five respectively. Ann attained four December 8 and Freddy reached the great age of five last June 3rd.

THIS evidently is a season for Christmas cards and the more personalized the better they are received.

That is, with the exception of inventions of the ingenious Johnny Martin, Harlingen photographer, who hit on the idea of a card imprinted with a candid camera shot of the recipient.

Johnny raided his files accumulated over a period of years for choice "snooshots" of his friends, and there was a jolt in every envelope.

NO more appropriate time for dedication of St. Alban's Church building in Harlingen, could be desired than the Christmas Eve midnight hour when a service will be held by candlelight.

THE service is planned for any persons desiring to attend church Sunday at midnight.

THE candlelight organ recital to be played at the First Methodist Church in Harlingen at five o'clock Sunday afternoon ought to satisfy those who must have music to feel Christmas inside. Virginia Perry will play for more than an hour much of the world's most famous Christmas music. There will be no other service.

IN San Benito outdoor carol singing on the side street adjacent to the railroad track is scheduled for five o'clock and is planned as a communitywide event.

In La Feria at five o'clock Sunday afternoon the cantata, "The Birthday of the Christ Child," by Frank Renard, Texas composer, will be given by the choir in the First Presbyterian.

IN no town in the Valley, have arrangements for Christmas music been neglected.

THE fact that Christmas falls on Monday this year is not only a break for overworked store employees and housewives, but gives more significance to its celebration because Christmas Eve is Sunday.

hint to calendar jugglers—keep Christmas on Monday every year.

WITH hundreds of giant poinsettias being cut for use as decoration at various Christmas festivities, there are still lots of people who think the process of curing the stems is difficult or a great deal of bother.

Choice of methods varies from searing the cut stems over a gas flame, and sealing the wound with hot wax, to plunging the stems into boiling water.

It seems most persons prefer the hot water method, usually carrying a painful into the garden and immersing each flower stalk, the depth of the bucket as soon as it is cut.

One woman pointed out that by curing the stalks a foot or more from the cut end, leaves may be cut off or the stems shortened without releasing the sap flow which causes the wilting of the blossoms (actually red leaves radiating from the flowers).

OWNER of the first truck load of holly we've ever noticed in the Valley was finding an eager demand for the Christmas greens before he got well settled on the

## Mrs. Lanier Cox of Austin Guest of Honor for Coffee Having Gay Christmas Setting

HARLINGEN — A setting especially inviting with the reds and greens symbolic of the Christmas season was created for the coffee given Saturday morning by Mrs. Day Young and Mrs. Lee O. Cox to honor Mrs. Lanier Cox of Austin at the home of Mrs. Cox. The honoree, with her husband, son of the hostess, arrived Friday night for a holiday visit.

Greeting the guests were the hostess, the honoree, and Mrs. Carl A. Stevens.

Dominating the pretty scene in the living room was the lovely tall tree decorated with red glass balls. The Christmas tree lights and candles above the mantel afforded the only illumination and gave an added festive note.

An unusual arrangement of holly formed the centerpiece for the table laid with a lace banquet cloth. Mrs. Bolton Boone served the Christmas pudding and Mrs. Crockett Campbell poured coffee from the antique silver service. Assisting in the dining room were Mrs. Clay Rader, Mrs. B. B. Mothershead, and Mrs. J. J. Willingham.

About sixty guests were received at the informal courtesy during the morning hours.

The young couple will leave early next week for Austin where they will be settled by New Year's in their new home that is nearly completed. After the Christmas vacation Mr. Cox will resume his duties as associate professor of law in the school of business administration.

## Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Harvey To Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary Christmas Day

BROWNSVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Harvey will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with a family reunion Christmas Day at their home here.

Residents of Brownsville for the past thirty years, Mr. and Mrs.

Harvey will have as their guests their daughters, Mrs. Louis H. Alsmeyer of Sebring, Florida, Mr. Alsmeyer, and their children, Richard and Harvey, Marjorie Grace, and Billy; Mrs. D. M. McLendon, Mr. McLendon and daughter, Marine Anne, of Pharr, and son Dan Harvey McLendon of Houston; Mrs. George J. McMurry, of San Francisco, California.

The Alsmeyers arrived Friday from Florida. Mrs. Alsmeyer is the former Miss Lottie Harvey. Mr. Alsmeyer formerly resided at Mission, and is now county agricultural agent at Highlands county, Florida.

Mrs. McMurry is now a guest in the home of her parents, and will remain here until about January 10 when she will leave for San Francisco to join Lieutenant Colonel McMurry, who is at present in the Philippines.

Mrs. McLendon is the former Grace Harvey.

## Collegiates Home For Christmas

HARLINGEN — Arrival of college students from a score or more colleges and universities sent Yuletide festivity toward its maximum pitch during the past few weeks. Dances arranged by Valley clubs at University of Texas and Texas A. and M., other dances planned especially for collegiates, open house events, and a host of informal affairs ranging from bathing to hunting parties promise almost continuous activity for socially minded vacationists.

Miss Betty Dean, who is a senior student at Incarnate Word in San Antonio, is here for the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. R. Barnett and Mr. Barnett.

Jack Brady, student at Texas Technological College, has arrived for the holidays.

Misses Frances Witherspoon and Barbara Ruth Green, students at Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, are home for the Christmas vacation with their parents.

C. H. Hamilton, Jr., is among students home for the holidays. He is a student at Baylor University, Waco.

Robert Hamilton is here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Hamilton, from Abilene where he is attending college.

Maillon Huffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Huffman, is among students home for the holiday season.

Winter Graduates Are Guests For Club Luncheon

McALLEN — In honor of the January McAllen Junior High School graduates, members of the school's Future Homemakers Club of Texas gave a luncheon Wednesday.

Decorations emphasized the Christmas theme combined with touches to portend the coming graduation.

Among those honored were: Jane King, Mary Ann Robinson, Betty Bob Kyler, Maurine Porgy, Jacqueline Fertner, Frances Norris, Frances Shine, Helen Valentine, Frances White, Emma Gene Bulver, Consuelo Rodriguez, Mary Rodriguez, Dorothy Trevino, Amelia de la Garza, Lois May Headley, Celestine Rerucha and Elda Longoria.

Glee Club Presents Story of Nativity

RAYMONDVILLE — The Junior High School Glee Club under the direction of Mrs. Frank Ing presented "The Story of the Nativity" to an overflowing auditorium Thursday evening at the high school.

The performance was divided into seven scenes depicting The Annunciation; The Watching Shepherds; Departure of the Shepherds; Herod and the Wise Men; The Wise Men Bring Gifts; Mary Watching by the Manger and finale.

Mary—Sara



## Polks Have Guests For Christmas

PHARR—Mr. and Mrs. Lucius J. Polk, Jr., Miss Bernice Stroudmire, of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and John Dawson of Sinton, Texas, arrived here Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Polk's mother and sisters Mrs. Virginia Polk, and Misses Daisy, Virginia, Frances and Betty June Polk.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Schafroth and small son, left Friday for Groveton, Texas, where they will spend the holidays with her parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Powell, and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bass.

Miss Jerry Ferguson, arrived Friday from Austin, where she is a student at Texas University, and will spend the Yuletide season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Ferguson and son Jimmy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Goughly and daughter Maryann, left Friday for Childress, Texas, where they will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adams, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Lee of North Zulch, Texas, are expected to arrive Sunday, to spend the holidays with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Avery.

## Mrs. Robert Wagner Overton



Mrs. Robert Wagner Overton of Little Rock, Arkansas, is shown above in the lovely wedding gown she wore at her marriage Thursday in Brownsville. She is the former Miss Sammy Lane Beeker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Beeker and granddaughter of Mrs. G. E. Nance of Brownsville. Mr. Overton, son of Dr. M. C. Overton, and Mrs. Overton of Lubbock, is a medical student at the University of Medicine where they will make their home temporarily.

## Miss Barber Entertained By Betas

BROWNSVILLE—Miss Charlotte Barber was delightfully surprised Friday when members of her sorority, the Beta Sigma Phi, entertained her with a surprise luncheon at Landrum's.

The table decorations carried out a Mexican theme, and was centered with a Yule log holding red tapers. Place cards, marking the places for the honoree and the members were especially clever, and depicted imaginary incidents in the married life of the honoree and her fiancé, J. B. Secrest.

Each member also gave the honoree a piece of advice, told in rhyme. Miss Barber was presented with a gift of silver marked with the Greek letters of the sorority. Attending were Misses Elizabeth Browne, Miriam Bray Mary Patrick, Mary Mason, Jeanine Wortman, and Mesdames Harvey E. Nuckols and John Dutro.

## Former Donna Girl Will Become Bride On Christmas Day

DONNA—Miss Jeanette Pritchard, formerly of Donna but who has been teaching in Borger for a year and a half, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Pritchard north of Donna. She left Wednesday for Brooklyn, New York, where on Christmas Day she will be married to Michael Ferenc, who is connected with the American Can Company in Brooklyn.

The wedding will be very quiet with the bride wearing a light blue street suit with burgundy accessories and a white corsage.

## Officers Are Named By Alamo Ladies Aid

ALAMO—Mrs. E. C. Phillips was presented at the meeting of the Ladies Aid of the Community church on Thursday, when she read "Bld the Tapers Twinkle Fair". Mrs. Effie Roe sang a solo accompanied by Mrs. J. C. McCrary.

The regular election of officers for the coming year was held with the following being named: president, Mrs. Henry Toothaker; vice president, Mrs. W. D. Whalen; second vice president, Mrs. Park; secretary, Mrs. Helen Wilkins; treasurer, Mrs. G. L. Cowley.

Mrs. Roe, retiring president, was hostess for the afternoon, serving fruit cakes and coffee. There were 56 members and guests present.

## Raymondville Club Has Luncheon Party

RAYMONDVILLE—The Wednesday afternoon Bridge Club held their Christmas party in the home of Mrs. C. D. Ritter. It was a cooperative luncheon with each member bringing her favorite dish. Guests were Mesdames John Fambrough, M. L. Deviney and J. E. Hudson.

Members playing were: Mesdames J. G. Caudle, B. S. Wright, I. B. Lee, Don Hightower, Gene Smith, E. M. Tomme, Lud Snow, Earl Gilliland, and J. K. Smith.

## To Visit Stones

BROWNSVILLE—Arriving for a holiday visit with their daughter and mother, Mrs. Ralph W. Stone, were Mrs. Mary E. Hickman, and Miss Janice Stone. Miss Stone has been making her home in San Antonio with her grandmother while attending school here.

## Miss Sammy Lane Beeker Wed to R. W. Overton In Impressive Candlelit Rites

BROWNSVILLE—In a setting notable for its beauty, Miss Sammy Lane Beeker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Beeker, became the bride of Robert Wagner Overton, of Lubbock and Dallas, son of Dr. M. C. Overton and Mrs. Overton of Lubbock Thursday afternoon (Dec. 21) at five o'clock.

The ceremony was read by candlelight at the First Methodist church by the pastor, the Rev. William Harry Moore.

Baskets of white gladioli were used in the altar space, and smilax and woodwardia were used in profusion throughout the church. White satin ribbons marked the aisles.

Proceeding the entrance of the bride party, Mrs. John N. Merrill, accompanied at the organ by Mrs. B. F. Hardin, sang "Ave Maria" and "Because." Mrs. Hardin also played the traditional wedding music, "Bridal Chorus" from Wagner's "Lohengrin" and Mendelssohn's "Wedding March." During the ceremony, the muted strains of "My Heart At Thy Sweet Voice" added to the solemnity of the rites.

The bride entered with her brother, Murray Beeker, who gave her in marriage. She was especially lovely in an Empire gown of antique ivory satin which was molded to the figure at the waist. The V-neckline and the full bodice were outlined with triple-shirred satin of matching color. Her hair was styled in a long train. Her veil, a finger-tip one of deep ivory illusion was caught to the head with a bow of antique brocade.

The bride carried an ivory prayer book surmounted with orchids and anchored with satin ribbons and lilies of the valley. Her only jewelry was a strand of pearls, a gift of the groom.

Miss Nan Overton of Lubbock, sister of the groom, was maid of honor. Her gown was a full skirted model of aqua chiffon, made with a draped bodice, and a deep corslet. With this she wore a brief bolero of matching suede cloth bordered in gold, and a velvet turban of the same blue. Her flowers were tallman roses.

Bridesmaid was Miss Audrey MacBlain of Dallas. Her gown of yellow chiffon was made along similar lines and her turban of velvet was in matching tones. Her bouquet was fashioned too of the tallman roses. Dr. Joe Rutherford of Stamford, was best man to the groom and ushers were Weldon Hager of Ada, Oklahoma, Charlie Jackson, Philip Overton of Austin, brother to the groom and Forrest Jones of Bryan.

The mother of the bride was handsome in a gown of Andreani blue chiffon velvet, made with a shirred bodice and with the long skirt ending in a short train. Her tiny hat of black felt, finished with a veil in snook effect, was edged with flowers of blue. Her corsage was of pink roses.

Mrs. Overton, mother of the groom, was especially charming in a smart gown of black lace. Her corsage was fashioned of ranunculi in golden tones.

Immediately following the ceremony, there was a reception for members of the two families, and only a few intimate friends at the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. G. E. Nance.

About the living room were arranged quantities of white chrysanthemums and white tapers and pink gladioli. In the dining room, the refreshment table was centered with an especially pretty arrangement of white carnations and valley lilies flanked by white tapers in crystal candelabra. From the chandelier hung a wedding bell showered with white satin ribbons and sweetheart roses. Elsewhere in the room were tallman roses.

The wedding cake, a huge, three-tiered confection heavily embossed, was served with ice cream molded in the shape of wedding slippers. Presiding at the cake, after the bride had cut the first slice was Mrs. J. A. Nance, of Kerrville, an aunt of the bride.

Others assisting about the house were Miss Jeanne Douglas, Miss Merian Price and Miss Doris McKay.

Following the reception, Mr. and Mrs. Overton left on a honeymoon trip to New Orleans, Louisiana. They will be at home after January 1 at 915 Welch, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Mrs. Overton chose for her going away costume a wool costume suit of Viking blue. The long-sleeved dress was cut on simple, smart lines with a molded waistline. The short, matching coat, tucked at the waistline in the back, was ornamented with broad pieces of sheared beaver, lapel fashion, in the front, and with wide patch pockets of the beaver. Her hat was a pill box of brown felt banded with a wide-veined straw and finished with a veil banded with lace.

The bride was graduated from the Ada, Oklahoma, high school, and attended also the Brownsville junior college where she was a member of Tau Delta Sigma. She attended Southwestern at Georgetown and while there, was pledged by Delta Delta Delta.

The groom was a student at Southwestern also, and was a Kappa Sigma there. At present he is a student at the University of Medicine at Little Rock, Arkansas, and is a member there of Phi Chi, medical fraternity.

Out of town guests for the wedding included Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hager and son, Weldon, and Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Faust, all of Ada, Oklahoma; Dr. and Mrs. M. C. Overton and daughters, Misses Nan and Ruth, of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Philip Overton and son of Austin, Miss Audrey MacBlain of Dallas, Dr. Joe Rutherford of Stamford, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nance of Kerrville, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Nance of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schwab of Houston, and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Osborne of San Antonio.

## Parties Feature Of Season

McALLEN—With scores of college students and visitors in McAllen for the holiday week-end many interesting parties were planned which promise a round of fun and gaiety which started Saturday night and will close when vacation time is over.

Mrs. Margaret Horn, who recently returned from London, England, where she was at the outbreak of the current European war, will be the center of attraction Monday when the Ewing family assembles for their Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. John Ewing. Present will be Mrs. Elizabeth Ewing, Mrs. Hoyt Ferry, Mrs. Horn, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Erickson and Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Whitteley of San Benito and Ned Ewing.

Mrs. Clara Finch will have her four sons with their wives at home over the Christmas week-end for a family party.

Mary Evelyn Leslie was hostess to a group of high school boys and girls at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Leslie, Saturday night for an open house.

Mrs. Anne Jo Jones will be receiving company Monday morning from 10 a. m. until noon as will the Foster Emmings.

Mr. and Mrs. Pinkney Ford will be at home to their guests Monday from 4:30 p. m. on for a few hours.

In Pharr Saturday night Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hartley were at home to the scores who called at their home. Following Hartley's many went to the dance for which members of the Valley Little Theatre were hosts at the Casa de Palmas Hotel.

Parents of senior students of the McAllen Senior High school will be chaperones for a dance Tuesday night at the Casa de Palmas hotel. An admission charge of 50 cents will be made each couple.

Friday night the University of Texas Valley club will put on their annual dance at the Casa de Palmas hotel. Alumni from the Valley are expected to attend.

## Mrs. R. J. Harris Hostess to Club

HARLINGEN—The Twin City Luncheon Club met in the home of Mrs. R. J. Harris Wednesday when members enjoyed the annual Christmas party. Gifts were exchanged.

In the games Mrs. Herndon made high and Mrs. Elmore second high. Miss Ella Mae Pope was a guest.

Members present were Mesdames E. F. Hughes, Olive Deaton, L. O. Baker, Jim Perkins, C. E. Turvey, A. A. Herndon, A. W. Elmore, O. C. Baggett, Fred Houghtling, Martin Koch, W. D. Williamson, Marie Byrd, and B. H. Jones.

## Donna Pair Visits Relatives In Uvalde

DONNA—Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Scott left Saturday for Uvalde to spend Christmas with Mr. Scott's sister, Mrs. Nell Gilligan and her family. Mrs. Scott returned Wednesday after a brief visit in Huntsville with her brother, S. S. Graham, a professor at Sam Houston State Teachers College. She was accompanied to Huntsville with guests from San Diego, Calif., who spent the last weekend with her. They were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hanshaw and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Seren. Mrs. Hanshaw is Mrs. Scott's sister.

## Gilliland Home Setting For Party

RAYMONDVILLE—The Thursday Morning club met for breakfast with Mrs. Earl Gilliland followed by games of bridge.

Members playing were Mesdames Harry Smith, Corina Fox, Joie Fambrough, Geo. Bennack, Roger Robinson, Harry Shapiro. Guests were Mesdames Don Hightower, Lawrence Brenner, C. D. Ritter. Mrs. Roger Robinson made high score.

The Christmas theme was predominant in decorations.

## Christmas Meeting Held In La Feria

LA FERIA—The American Legion Auxiliary was hostess to Legionnaires at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Vigness Tuesday night. Mrs. Lloyd C. Elliott, president, assisted. Mrs. Wemple Sanders sang Brahms "Lullaby." Mrs. Vigness played a Christmas Medley, and the group joined in singing carols.

Gifts were exchanged and the hostesses served coffee and Christmas cakes.

## Society Calendar

HARLINGEN  
Monday  
Thursday

7:30 p. m. Lutheran Ladies Aid sponsors annual Christmas party for St. Paul's congregation at Wahler Building on Tyler St. 8 p. m. V.F.W. Auxiliary meets at the home of Mrs. Lella Mulard, 113 N. Fourth St.

## Give Everlasting Gifts

Symbolic of the Old West  
HAND-MADE  
INDIAN JEWELRY  
See it made by our own Silversmith  
Rings and Bracelets  
in matched sets.  
We also have the largest assortment of What-not  
MINIATURES  
or Dust Collectors in the Southwest.  
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## Dance Togs



With a smart black velvet hooded wrap topping her chic evening gown, Miss Sara Chidlow, member of the Junior Service League of McAllen, takes a final peek at the ensemble she will wear to the League dance Wednesday night at the Blue Moon Club. Noted for the clever clothes she always wears, Miss Chidlow will be one of the League members who will sell the men tricky flower boutonniers at the dance.

## Tourists Celebrate Anniversary

McALLEN—Felix Mr. and Mrs. Marine Halle on their 40th wedding anniversary, winter visitors at the A B C Trailer Park entertained with a party Wednesday night.

Over 100 guests attended the event which was highlighted by a mock wedding and closed with a dance.

Gifts were exchanged by the guests, grouped around a huge Christmas tree, the gift of Dr. and Mrs. Thayer of Anderson, Ind., for the occasion.

Participating in the mock wedding, in which men played two women's roles and vice versa, in appropriate costumes were: Bride Frank Krazaklan; groom, Mrs. R. M. Spielman; best man, Mrs. E. Plantz; bridesmaid, Louis Thurston; bride's father, Miss N. Franklan; flower girl, Edward Plantz; ring bearer, Richard Spielman; preacher, Dr. D. D. Elder; musician, B. Rostalsky.

Also appearing on the program were Carol Spielman and Marilyn Gahn in a pay dance routine; reading, M. E. Spielman.

Arrangements for the big event, the largest enjoyed to date by the tourists group at the park, were: food, Mrs. Bill Kastalsky and Mrs. Frank Krazaklan; program, Mrs. Douglas Gahn; gifts, Mrs. Judy Clarke, Mrs. Pauline Hansen and Mrs. Tracey.

## Wallace Hawkins, Children Guests In Brownsville

BROWNSVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. Hugh M. Johnston have as their guests for the holidays, Mrs. Johnston's sister, Mrs. Wallace Hawkins Mr. Hawkins, and their children Pat, Harriet and Charles, all of Dallas. The visitors arrived Saturday. The two girls, Misses Pat and Harriet will visit also in the Ralph W. Stone home with Misses Jean and Janice Stone.



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## College Students Arrive

BROWNSVILLE—Among the students home for the holidays is Miss Ann Tandy who arrived Saturday from Baylor University at Dallas to spend the Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Tandy. Miss Carabelle Merrick returned to her home here Thursday evening from Kingsville where she has been a student at Texas College of Arts and Industries. She is the daughter of Mrs. W. S. Merrick, Bob Brewster, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Brewster, arrived Wednesday evening to spend the holidays. He is a student at Texas University at Austin.

Arriving Saturday were Miss Jeanne Magill, student at National Park college at Washington, D. C., Miss Jane Ely, student at Texas Wesleyan at Fort Worth, Jimmy Magill and Joe Kennedy, students at New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell, New Mexico. They are guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Earle Magill, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ely, and Mrs. W. E. Kennedy.

Miss Evelyn Hayes returned to her home here Friday from Denton where she has been a student at Texas State College for Women. She is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Hayes.

## Ranch Setting For Holiday Hospitalities

WESLACO—Two of the season's lovely Christmas parties had for their setting the Rocking Chair Ranch south of Weslaco.

Dr. and Mrs. E. L. McCallip and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Turner were hosts for the earlier event which named Mr. and Mrs. Lester Webber as honorees.

The fireplace was beautifully decorated with Norwegian spruce and pine cones and the mantel, banked with Spanish moss, held eleven red candles burning in brass holders. Moss also was draped with Christmas bells about the windows which framed the eight foot Christmas tree.

The porch was gay with colorful marigolds and the refreshment tables were festive with poinsettias. Cookies in the shape of wreaths were served with sandwiches, fruit cake, and other confections from a silver tray centered by a huge red candle. Serving at the round coffee tables in English style were Mrs. Gordon Kethley and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rives.

About 60 guests were received. Tuesday morning, Mrs. McCallip and Mrs. Turner were co-hostesses for a coffee at the Rocking Chair Ranch in rooms gorgeously decorated to express the Christmas motif.

Mrs. U. S. Marshall poured at the table, prettily appointed in holiday colors. About forty friends of the hostesses enjoyed the hospitality.

## Tiptoppers Hold Christmas Party

MISSION—A gay affair was added to the holiday calendar Thursday evening when the Tip Toppers held their Christmas party at the home of Mrs. John Griffin. Gifts were exchanged around a Christmas tree and Christmas stockings favors added to the pleasure of the hospitality.

During the evening, a salad course was served with fruit cake and coffee to Misses Quita Sammons and Kathryn Hooks; Mesdames Winston Jenkins, Tom Vesels, James Wood, W. E. Wood, Charles Anderson, Ross Smiley, Harry Keller, R. D. Beane, and the hostess.

## IN MISSISSIPPI

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## Unusual Program Presented

**LA FERIA** — Music and customs of Christmas in foreign lands featured the program given at the meeting of the Music club Wednesday afternoon at the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Wemple Sanders, program chairman, introduced the numbers.

Mrs. H. Lamm told of Christmas in Germany. Mrs. Lamm formerly resided in Germany and came to this country only recently.

Mrs. Becca Detert of Santa Rosa sang a German carol and was accompanied by Dr. H. Lamm. Mrs. Detert told of Christmas in her native Holland and sang a Dutch carol.

Mrs. W. C. Beesley gave "The Dance of the Candy Fairies" from the "Nutcracker Suite" and Mrs. D. S. Knight, accompanied by Mrs. L. M. Vigness, sang Schubert's "Ave Maria."

Mrs. Effie Roe, Alamo, was a special guest. Mrs. Roe is president of the Eighth District, Texas Federation of Music Clubs.

In the social hour Mrs. Knight and Mrs. C. V. Sommer poured at the refreshment table attractively decorated in the season's colors.

An attractive luncheon noting the holiday season was the complement arranged by Mrs. C. E. Vall Wednesday at her home when she entertained the Child Study club. Highlight of decorations was a Christmas scene arranged on the mantel. Floor baskets of poinsettias and red tapers added to the pleasing effect.

The luncheon was served at quarter tables which had tiny baskets of candies as favors.

"My Christmas Story," a reading by Mrs. A. J. Wilson, was a pleasing feature.

Mrs. Arnold Carroon of Ohio was a guest.

## Annual Event Of Christmas Is Luncheon

**HARLINGEN** — Primera Home Demonstration club members held their annual Christmas party Thursday when a lovely covered dish luncheon was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Clift. Hostesses were Mrs. Clift, Mesdames Robert Allen, D. Ward, A. J. Felt, Carl Young, H. Adams, and A. C. Seabough.

Decorations of the home with poinsettias and fern noted the Christmas theme and appointments for the quartet tables further developed the motif. Corsages of red bougainvillea and fern were at each place.

Seated for the luncheon were 24 members and 14 guests. Guests were Mrs. Donald Conroy, Chicago, Mrs. Isannah Hartzler and Miss Eulish Hartzler of Ohio, Mrs. J. E. Leach of Louisiana, Mrs. F. S. Kiehlman, Mrs. W. R. McEmore, Mrs. F. M. Partridge, Miss Lu Elsie Nagel, Mrs. J. P. Wilson, Mrs. M. B. Sherwood, Mrs. V. A. Cooke, Mrs. R. M. Elmore, Mrs. F. E. Wilson, and Mrs. E. F. Criss.

Miss Nagel gave information concerning Valley Mid-Winter fair exhibits.

An exchange of gifts was carried out and games of bunto and Chinese checkers were enjoyed.

Installation of officers will be held at the first meeting of the new year.

## Miss Watson Honor Guest At Luncheon

**BROWNSVILLE** — Members of the Brownsville Federation of Women's clubs entertained Wednesday at luncheon at El Jardin hotel, complimenting Miss Marie Watson, social representative of the information service of the USHA, from Washington, D. C.

The luncheon table, set in the private dining room at the hotel, was especially pretty with its red glassware and its centerpiece of poinsettias on a mirror reflector. Red tapers burned in brass candleabra.

About twelve members of the federated clubs attended.

## Childhood Time Memories Renewed At Christmas Party

**MCALLEN** — Christmas in the little red school house was re-created Thursday when members of the Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met for their yearly Christmas party at Mrs. John G. Elser's home.

All the characters taking part in the program were garbed in clothing to represent different ages and classes in the school periods. Mrs. T. H. Vanianingham acted as teacher.

Pupils were Mesdames Marjorie Copenhaver, Pearl Kuhn, Minnie Parks, J. H. Parks, W. L. Bond, Cronk, M. Kuhn and Miss Marie Miller.

Gifts were distributed at the close of the meeting after which refreshments were served.

Guests, in addition to the 25 members present, were Mrs. Brackenhauer, Mrs. Lindenberg, Mrs. Bertha Lindenberg, all of Welcome, Minn., and Mrs. Bernice Lindenberg of McAllen.

## In Goldthwaite

**SAN BENITO** — Mrs. C. H. Lang daughter, Frances, are spending the holidays at Goldthwaite, Texas, with Mrs. Lang's father.

## Organ Concert to Feature Carols



Miss Virginia Perry, Harlingen, is pictured at the organ where she will play a concert of Christmas carols Sunday at five o'clock in the Methodist Church. Favorite Christmas music in many lands will be interwoven into the recital. Two of the numbers presenting chimes carols have music especially arranged for this concert. Everyone is invited. (Photo by Holbrook)

## D. A. R. Meet Featured By Carol Singing

**MERCEDAS** — Gathering in the home of Mrs. J. C. Shaw, south of Mercedes, members and guests of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, at their Christmas luncheon meeting were entertained with a musical program of carols.

The melodies were sung by a group from the Mercedes Music club, which included Mesdames H. E. Hagar, Clarence Archer, E. V. May, G. G. Eddy, R. H. Kern, J. P. Baingo, George Carnes and A. E. Branch. Mrs. Hager, Mrs. Eddy and Mrs. Carnes sang solos, with Mrs. H. T. Stotler who was in charge of the program, accompanying on the piano.

Additional guests were Mrs. Grafton Burdette of Harlingen, Mrs. G. C. Fittz of Mercedes, and Mrs. H. C. Ward of Harlingen.

The rooms were gay with Christmas decorations. Luncheon tables were centered with red candles in green holders.

Mrs. Arthur Frase, regent, gave the invocation; Mrs. R. P. Cherry led the club ritual.

The regent appointed a nomination committee to select officers to be named in January. Mrs. R. M. Winn is chairman; Mrs. Harbert Davenport, Brownsville, and Mrs. J. C. Myrick, Harlingen are other members. The charter voted to send a contribution to Ellis Island to be used in welfare work.

Others registering were Mrs. Elson B. Smith, Mrs. F. R. George, Mrs. T. A. Williams, Mercedes; Mrs. C. A. Griffith, Mrs. Ira E. Eells, Mrs. Jack Drake, Mrs. J. B. Cooke, Mrs. C. S. Amlon, Harlingen; Mrs. Ned C. Rigby, San Benito; Mrs. C. H. de Bardeleben, Mrs. T. C. Williams, Los Fresnos.

## Raymondville Class Holds Annual Party

**RAYMONDVILLE** — An interesting event of the Christmas season was the annual Christmas party given by the Homemakers Sunday school class of the Baptist church at the home of Mrs. J. L. Savage.

Mrs. B. R. Cole and Mrs. C. C. Hold were assisting hostesses.

An environment expressive of the Christmas season was created in the decorations. The dining table was centered by a lovely miniature tree banked with gaily wrapped packages which held a gift for each.

Mrs. W. Garret read the Christmas story. After the games a dessert course was served. Plate favors were toy Santa Claus figures.

## Pre-Holiday Dance Is Enjoyed By Group

**HARLINGEN** — A gay pre-Christmas dance was enjoyed Thursday evening by the younger ballroom class at the Frances Ezell studio.

Poinsettias and a decorated Christmas tree made an attractive setting.

Red and white was used for decoration of the table where punch and macaroons were served.

Chaperones were Mesdames Norman Clark, Scott Macy, Joe Penny, and Emmett Anglin. Mrs. Marvin Brown was pianist.

About 30 youngsters were guests.

## GO TO ODEM

**MCALLEN** — Mr. and Mrs. S. Jolly left Saturday for Odem to spend the holidays with her parents there.

## Gay Week Is in Prospect For Socialites in Mission; Open House Events Calendared

**MISSION** — Visit of several popular visitors in Mission during the holidays as well as the homecoming of college students has provided the inspiration for a round of social events which will enliven the usual holiday festivities.

Three of the most important affairs are named on Tuesday's calendar. Mrs. T. B. Sammons and Mrs. Florence Hayes have chosen that day for the tea which they are giving in the early afternoon hours at the Casa de Palmas to honor two visitors. The honorees are Mrs. Roscoe Bates of Dallas and Mrs. S. C. Hoyle of Bryan, both sisters of Mrs. Sammons.

**TEA TO HONOR HOUSE GUESTS** — The late afternoon hours have been claimed for the tea which Mrs. L. G. Pyley, Mrs. T. W. Nethery and Mrs. Roy K. Straw are giving to honor their respective house guests. The Nethery home will provide the setting.

Tuesday afternoon at four, the Mission Girl Reserves will carry on an old tradition handed them by earlier members in the organization when they entertain with a tea to honor all former members. The tea will be given at the Legion Hall and promises to be a major social event for the younger set and their friends.

## Christmas Concert To Be Today

**HARLINGEN** — High spot of pre-Christmas observance for many music lovers will be the candlelight organ recital to be played Sunday at five o'clock in the First Methodist Church by Miss Virginia Perry.

Miss Perry has chosen a program interpreting Christmas carols from many lands.

Her opening number will be "Noel" with variations, by Robert L. Bedell to be followed by Harvey Gaul's "Christmas snows of Sweden."

Old World chimes at Christmas-time will be represented by Miss Perry's playing of "Carol of the Bells," Mr. Leontovich. In this carol the light clanging of the bells and the short unadorned phrases are said to be typical of the Turkish influence in the Ukraine where it is a favorite.

In her playing of the traditional Christmas carols of Poland are the exact tones played on the famous carillon in the cathedral at Warsaw. The words, always sung by the people in the square below, now seem pitifully tragic, since the bells are silenced this Christmas season. The organ arrangements of these chimes carols have been made especially for this recital.

"The Christmas Pipes of County Clare," Gaul, one of the most popular in Irish carols harks back to the old tune "The Leading of the Star," circa 1680-1730, and is used in procession with flutes, oboes, and pipes.

"Natale in Sicilia," Pietro Yon, notable for tender simplicity and bells in the distance; "Christmas Fantasy" Norris, sung by the English for over a hundred years; "A Carpenter is Born," Typically American and from the "Apostolic Symphony"; and "Christmas Pastorale," Haiker, written in 1818, the world's favorite Christmas carol, are other musical sections of the beautifully arranged concert.

## Couple In Donna Observe Anniversary With Dinner Party

**DONNA** — Mr. and Mrs. Leo Whorton gave a delightful dinner for twelve in the Plaza Hotel, Tuesday evening to celebrate their thirtieth wedding anniversary. The long table was decorated in an unusual manner with a long golden ribbon running the entire length. In the center stood a small Christmas tree made of white candytuft and turks cap, on a base fashioned of red gladioli. Extending to either end were tall red candles in hurricane lamps.

The four course dinner was a delicious holiday feast.

## Holiday Guests Arrive

**RAYMONDVILLE** — Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Conley are happy in the arrival of their daughter, Miss Betty, who is a student at S. M. U., and their son, Carl, who is studying at A. and M. W. P. Conley of Frederick, Okla., father of Dr. Conley is another welcomed guest in the household.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Glarner have as their guests Mrs. Glarner's brother and family Dr. and Mrs. P. E. Harrison and son Jimmy and mother, Mrs. M. E. Harrison of Worthington, Minn., who will make an extended visit.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Chambers, Jr., will be Mrs. Chambers' sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Alexander of Yocum.

Miss Margaret Ellen Corbett, student at the Incarnate Word College San Antonio, is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Corbett through the holidays.

Misses Melba Coney, Marcella Owens, Delaney Stephens, students in Daughens Business college, in Houston, and Miss Dorothy Nell Parr, also wintering in Houston, are here to spend the holidays with their respective families.

Mrs. T. C. Green, principal of the Alamo School left Friday afternoon for Livingston for the holidays to visit in the home of Mrs. N. T. Green, her mother-in-law, and to see relatives. Mrs. Green will be joined by her son, Travis, student at the University of Texas.

Dr. and Mrs. Geo. Rennack have as their guests for Christmas the doctor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Rennack of Pleasanton.

## Yule Party Honors Guest In McAllen

**MCALLEN** — David Elser, son of Rev. and Mrs. John G. Elser, recently returned from Concordia College, Austin, for the Christmas holidays was honored guest Wednesday night when his parents entertained at a party for him.

Poinsettias, mistletoe and bells added their bit to the decorative-ness of a large Christmas tree which was the center of attraction.

A program was given which included: Readings, Ruth Elser and Esther Anderson; piano solos, Albert Ehlers and daughter, Juanita; piano duet, by Rev. Elser and daughter, Eunice.

An exchange of Christmas gifts closed the party.

Refreshments were served to: Alma Langkop, Victor Krause, Harland Glick, Lyle and Jerome Simpson, David, Eunice and Ruth Elser, Dorothy Allen, Elaine, Frances and Samuel Klecknick, Avis and Clarice Rice, Emma Nordmeyer, Emma Gene Bulver, William and Harold Dube, Selma and Julius Sorenson.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ehlers and daughter, Juanita, Melvin Alpers, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schmidt, and son, Billy, Clifford Koch and Caroline Bender, Mr. and Mrs. R. Schroeder and son, Leonard, Esther and Ella Dube, Louise and Ella Dube, Louise and Gertrude Kunze, Edna Kappler, Clifford Floyd, Ruth and Ruby Bremer, Harold and Milford Koch, Francis Schroeder, Esther and Eileen Anderson.

## Dinner Dance Event For US Force

**BROWNSVILLE** — The office and field force of the pink bollworm research laboratory entertained with a Christmas dinner and party Thursday evening at Miller's Grill.

After the dinner, dancing was enjoyed throughout the evening.

Members of the force attending were Messrs. and Mesdames L. C. Fife, W. T. Hunt, H. T. Bly, C. A. Richmond, Mrs. Ethel M. Hendrick, P. H. Sullivan, Kalton Howell, W. Dain Higdon, J. Bonner Wootton, Clyde W. Burks, Arthur Patrick. Guests were Misses Mary Patrick, Inez Brulay, Lorene Strein, and Marcella Strein.

## Annual Custom Is Observed By Pioneer Club

**MCALLEN** — Keeping pace with an annual custom the Pioneer club held their Christmas party Thursday at Mrs. George Bevil's home where the center of attraction was a "cookie" Christmas tree made of tiers of delicious seasonal cookies.

Members exchanged gifts among themselves. Decorations for the affair featured bouquets of mistletoe, poinsettias and Christmas attractions.

Members present were Mesdames Fred Bevil, George Carpenter, William Reis, A. Reis, Minnie Parks, J. M. Lawrence, J. H. Beatty, Fred Kishler, Van Slyke, Arthur Wiley, J. A. Allen, E. C. Allen, A. J. Allen, Pospeschenske, David Gerner, W. W. Withers.

Guests were Mesdames Cliff Kozzer, G. T. Carpenter, Lockhart, Fransworth, Miller, Tinkler, Miss Mae Myers and Miss Hazel Myers.

## Sons Are Guests

**HARLINGEN** — Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Crown will have as their guests during the Christmas vacation their sons, Frank, a student at the Presbyterian Seminary in Austin, and George, who is a senior law student at the University of Texas.

## Holiday Guest



Miss Charlene Amidon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Amidon, Harlingen, returned Friday from Dallas where she is a student at Hockaday Junior College. Miss Amidon is expecting to visit Miss Jane Curtin in Houston and Misses Blanca and Maria Rosa de Llano in Laredo during the holidays. She will return to Dallas, January 8.

## Pharr Guests Are Arriving For Christmas

**PHARR** — A. R. McPherson of Thackerville, Oklahoma, has arrived to spend the Yule season with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rogers, and Mr. and Mrs. A. T. McPherson. Mrs. Rogers is his daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. McKenzie and daughter Mary Lee, left Friday for Belton, Texas where they will visit relatives during the holidays.

Miss Helen Frances City, of Ozan, Arkansas, has arrived to be the holiday guest of her uncle and aunt, Mayor and Mrs. J. D. Lauck.

Miss Ruth Smith, student at Ruth Colt School in San Antonio, has arrived to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Wiley Smith.

Miss Eugenia Tobelman, student at Texas University, Austin, Tex., is spending the holiday season in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley T. Melton.

## Debonairs Banquet Set Thursday Night

**BROWNSVILLE** — Members of the Debonairs will entertain with a banquet Thursday evening, December 28, at Landrum's.

New officers for the year will be presented to the members and their guests.

## Virgin Program Topic

**BROWNSVILLE** — The Virgin Mary formed the topic for the Bible program at the Thursday afternoon meeting of the Junior Self-Culture club at the Hunt home when Miss Eleanor Hunt and Mrs. Frank Mathers were co-hostesses.

Mrs. Milton Overstreet was in charge of the lesson, and told how the life of the Virgin had influenced Christianity, the only religion where value is placed on women and children.

She stated that the story of Mary who played the double role of virgin and mother, was a human one. She mentioned that the virgin is often depicted with three bonds and mentioned the legend in connection with this in which John of Damascus, defending the rights of the Virgin, lost an arm. After touching a picture of the Virgin, his arm was replaced.

Mrs. Overstreet repeated also the legend of the Virgin of Guadalupe in which there was first a picture, then a shrine, a church, and finally a town. She mentioned the various shrines to the Virgin, and stated that a picture of the Virgin in a home indicates peace of mind for the occupants of the home.

The members, in a brief business session, voted to give five dollars to the Marlin Foundation for Crippled Children. Fourteen members and the sponsor, Mrs. E. T. Yates attended the session.

The next meeting will be January 4 at the home of Mrs. Harvey E. Nuckols.

## Sharps Arrive

**BROWNSVILLE** — Arriving at the weekend to spend the holiday season with their mother were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sharp of Mexico City, who will be guests of Mrs. Gertrude M. Sharp and Mrs. Blanche Richardson.

## Shower For Bride Is Pretty

**DONNA** — An important holiday courtesy was the shower given on Thursday afternoon for Miss Anita Jewell, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Jewell of Donna, who is to be married on Christmas afternoon at four to Gladstone Risinger of San Antonio.

Shower guests were received in the beautiful home of Mrs. Ivan Dodd on North Ninth Street, with Mrs. Dodd, Mrs. Grace Armour and Mrs. Alan Harper, as hostesses.

The long living room was gay with Christmas greens, while in the dining room roses and gladioli in pastel colors accented the bridal theme.

After Mrs. Otto Prather, as Santa Claus pulling a white sleigh, had presented the exciting parcels to Miss Jewell, Mrs. Harper served punch, Christmas cookies, nuts and candies from the lace laid table in the dining room to the fifty guests.

The Wednesday Embroidery club exchanged their gifts around a beautifully decorated three in Mrs. Stanford Todd's living room Wednesday afternoon. The entire house was gay with poinsettias and geraniums. Two new members were received into the club, Mrs. George Holland and Mrs. Bill Leadbetter. The children of the members were guests of honor.

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# Babson Says Christmas Finds Business At Ten-Year Peak

## CUSTOMS MEN MOVE INTO LAREDO OFFICE

SAN ANTONIO—After 22 years' establishment in San Antonio as headquarters of the 23rd customs district, the office was moved Friday to Laredo.

Harry P. Hornby, collector, said that it was through the efforts of John N. Garner, then congressman, that the three separate districts at Eagle Pass, Laredo and Brownsville were consolidated in the San Antonio district. He had appointed T. A. Coleman, well known ranchman, as collector and Coleman desired that the headquarters be at San Antonio to facilitate his visiting the various parts of the district, as at that time railroads were the best means of transportation.

Under an executive order, the headquarters was moved to Laredo. The inland port of Fort Worth was abolished and Corpus Christi, also in the San Antonio district, was transferred to the Galveston district, as its business is all maritime.

Hornby in discussing happenings in the San Antonio district since he was appointed in 1934, stated that the U. S. Customs Patrol, which was under the collector, was placed under a separate head with headquarters for four districts at El Paso.

There has been a great increase

in the amount of duties collected in the past five years, said Hornby. For the past decade, or since 1930, \$10,940,837 has been collected and \$8,244,214 of this amount has been collected in the past five years, a gain of \$5,347,491 for the five-year period. He attributes a great deal of this to the higher import duty on cattle and to a great amount of feed stuff sent in from Mexico during the drought periods of 1933-6. There has also been a general increase in imports from Mexico.

The new headquarters at Laredo will be in the federal building, which a short time ago was improved and enlarged. The new port building at Laredo will be built during the next year as the site has been bought, and when the convent property is vacated it will be replaced by a building designed for port business, with sufficient lanes for traffic to handle the increasing business at the port. Work is now in progress on walls for a fill-in to allow for more traffic accommodations.

Hornby said he hoped to see plans approved during 1940 for a suitable port building at Hidalgo, as that port is getting an increasing amount of business and the present headquarters are inadequate for the government agencies at the bridge.

## HIGH INCOME FIGURE SEEN FOR WORKER

### American Is Busier Than Year Ago

By ROGER W. BABSON

SAVANNAH, Georgia—Christmas 1935, finds a busier America and a gloomier Europe than Yuletide of a year ago. Business is better in the United States and Canada; workers' pay envelopes are fatter; farmers' income is higher; investors' dividend checks are bigger. While millions are still jobless, we have taken long strides toward prosperity in the past twelve months. Abroad, the year's events may add nothing to the Christmas spirit this week-end, but here in America we can look back on 1935 as a period of rapid recovery.

With the lid virtually nailed on 1935, business has scored a twelve-month gain of 19.5 per cent. This compares with my forecast of a 20 per cent advance. When business stepped up to the 1935 springboard last January, the Babsonchart Index was hovering around 100. The year had hardly gotten underway, however, before Hitler started the pot boiling in Europe and uncertainty brewing in America. As a result, activity gradually drifted lower, hitting the year's bottom, 94.7, in May. Yet, it averaged 20 per cent above the same months of 1934. This was not far from my forecast of a 25 per cent gain for the first half.

### New Ten-Year High

The decline was under control by May and there was a steady, healthy improvement as Summer weathered along. By Labor Day, just as the first German bomb fell on Poland, business had worked back to the January level. Then the war touched off one of the most spectacular upswings in history. Week after week giant industries, such as steel, autos, textile, lumber, power, and railroads reported record-breaking business. By the end of September the Babsonchart Index had rolled up to 105. October saw it push on to 110, November, to 114. Now, Christmas trade has driven it up to 116 this week-end, — the highest figure in ten long years.

Nearly every mill, factory, shop, office, and store in the country has shared in this burst of business. Steel and automobile workers, building tradesmen, lumber-jacks, railroad men, textile workers, metal fabricators, have all done well. Machine toolers, shipbuilders, and aviation mechanics have enjoyed a boom. Salesmen and store people can look back on 1935 as an above-average year. Farmers have broken even with 1934, considering the country as a whole. The dark spots on the agricultural map are certain drought-parched areas of the West where crops and income have dropped to the lowest level in four years.

### Some Lines In Doldrums

Only in the financial, insurance, real estate, and newspaper fields has 1935 brought little to cheer about. Brokers have suffered as security transactions (not prices) plummeted to the lowest level since 1928. Insurance and real estate salesmen have had lean pickings. Newspaper advertising has just about matched 1934, while publishing costs have moved on to new highs. Profit margins in some other lines have not been so big as formerly and competition is keener today than ever before. As a result, many individual businesses have done poorly. But remember, even in 1929 one-third of all businesses were in the red!

Nearly 2,000,000 new workers have found jobs. Wages and salaries have been steady to higher. There have been about 1,700 strikes compared with 1,000 last year, — but only the soft coal and Chrysler tieups were nationally serious. Living costs have inched up, but less than five per cent. Dividend checks have nearly doubled. There is more cash in the average farmer's pocket. Real estate—both city and farm — is a shade better in price, although taxes have again been increased.

## Cheer For Ailing Georgia



Georgia Coleman, undergoing a series of blood transfusions in Hollywood to prepare her for a serious operation, looks at a check, part of donations made to a fund to help the former Olympic diving champion regain her health. With her is Nurse Edith House.

Rents have been stable. All in all, it has been a good year for most people in America.

Last January, I predicted in this newspaper that "business by the end of 1935 would be as good as—perhaps even better than — at any year-end since 1929." Business is better than at any year-end since 1929; but there is little cheering about it. Many people are bluer today than a year ago. Relief rolls are just as long as ever. Employers fear the industrial rise is merely a war boom. Workers are worried about higher living costs. Business men, big and little, are frightened to death of taxes and a third term for Mr. Roosevelt. Meanwhile, every one is afraid that we will be drawn into the war.

So the curtain is about to fall on a

strange year; Business best in a decade, but people more worried than during the dark days of 1932-33.

It is Christmas week-end. That means it is no time to launch into a deep discussion of our troubles. My message today is simply that 1935 has been a good year and that nearly every American is better off today than a year ago. Moreover, I want to assure readers that we have nothing to fear in early 1940 either from a business depression or from any entanglement in the European war. Lastly, I want to join with every reader in a deep and fervent prayer that Christmas of 1940 will find "peace on earth and good will toward men" in all lands and among all peoples! If we all do our part, this prayer may be fulfilled.



May we have the pleasure of wishing you one of the greatest and one of the grandest Merry Christmases of all, and may the holidays hold an abundance of joy and merriment for the whole family.

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We wish for you and yours the very merriest of Merry Christmases. We hope that the Yuletide will bring new pleasures and joys to you all.

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## Season's Greetings



On this, the best Christmas of all, we wish to extend to our many good friends our sincere desire for continued health, happiness and prosperity. The contacts we have made in the past have been most gratifying and we hope they have been to you.

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## SCOUT BOARD HAS MEETING

### Conference Planned For Harlingen

MERCED — Executive board meeting of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America, at their monthly meeting here this week heard reports of various committees for the year, 1935, and appointed an examining committee to approve and certify men capable of operating the motor boat equipment on the Laguna Madre and on the Gulf.

The committee includes Capt. Pablo Valent of the Coast Guards; Capt. A. A. Shaw, Port Pilot, and Capt. A. W. Pate, all of Port Isabel. The Council also authorized its officers to approve the Council's annual report to the National Council, and application for re-charter of the Council for the coming year.

Considerable attention was given the planning of the first Annual Valley Scouters' Conference to be held in Harlingen, January 6th.

Present at the meeting: V. D. Raymond and Dr. E. V. Borglin, Edinburg; W. C. Jones and E. R. McWilliams, Mission; W. A. McLeod, McAllen; F. A. Swallow, Alamo; A. B. Sanders, Donna; E. A. Brown and N. P. Barton, Mercedes; J. R. Smith of La Feria, M. B. Finney of San Benito.

### RAILS SHOW PROFIT

CHICAGO — (AP) — The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company Friday reported net railway operating income of \$733,802 for November compared with \$460,842 for the same month a year ago.



Our Sincere Wishes for a Joysome Holiday!

**E. de la Rosa**

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### RETURN FROM DALLAS

MISSION—Dr. and Mrs. T. R. Burnett and Miss Kathryn Hooks returned Monday from Dallas and Bonham where they spent the week-end. They were called to the latter place following an accident in which Mrs. Burnett's mother was injured.

### LACKLAND PROMOTED

SAN ANTONIO—Kelly Fields commander, Col. Frank D. Lackland, was notified Thursday by the War Department that he had been recommended for promotion to brigadier general and commander of the first wing of the general headquarters air force.



Best Wishes of the Season! Merry Xmas to One and All!

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## AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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## BOOKS GIVEN TO SCHOOLS

### Durlacher Donates To Jardin

BROWNSVILLE—Thirty-five valuable books and 17 educational magazines were presented to El Jardin school library as a Christmas gift by F. A. Durlacher of Brownsville, according to school officials. The gift, which includes a set of Victor Hugo's work, was announced shortly before school was dismissed Friday for the Yuletide holidays. Classes will be resumed Wednesday morning, January 3.

In a Christmas seal sale conducted in El Jardin elementary school Coralee Robertson and Maxine Marton sold the greatest number of seals. The \$8.49 proceeds of the sale will be given to the county health unit for its tuberculosis work.

Christmas bags of apples, candy and nuts were distributed to all pupils Friday by teachers and Parent-Teacher Association room mothers gave parties in each room of the elementary school. High school students were guests at a party Friday night given by their room mothers at El Jardin pavilion.

### FAIR MAY REOPEN

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—Legal objections to repeat performance of the Golden Gate International Exposition lifted Friday when Burton J. Wyman, referee in bankruptcy, approved a plan for the show on Treasure Island next year.

## BEEFSTEAK TIED AROUND BODY FOR SMUGGLING INTO GERMANY; COFFEE OR TEA PRICES HIGH

By ELMER W. PETERSON

BUDAPEST—(AP)—In Bulgaria, there are pretty Hungarian dancing girls in exchange for Bulgarian gardeners. On the Hungarian-Austrian frontier, a man ties oversize beefsteaks next to his body and in that manner smuggles them into greater Germany.

And on the Yugoslavian-Hungarian border, a customs official asks, "Have you any coffee or tea in your luggage?"—which makes you want to reply, "No—and no coffee pot either," until you understand what a serious crime it is to be carrying coffee or tea around with you these days.

It's all symptomatic of the topsy-turvy and slightly punch-drunk economics of South-Eastern Europe these days. Not economics in the grand sense of the word, but the ordinary methods of paying for things, and getting a lamb chop, say, when and how you want it. There's no war in South-eastern Europe, but there's a lot of economic confusion. It's the result of clearing arrangements, disrupted trade, lack of foreign exchange to buy certain foodstuffs, and the economic demands of a Germany at war. And in a way it demonstrates what can be achieved through clearing arrangements.

In Sofia, capital of Bulgaria, as example, the carabats employ as always pretty Hungarian girls as dancers and hostesses. But export of money is strictly forbidden.

No matter. There is always a demand for Bulgarian gardeners—among the best in the world—in Hungary.

On a clearing arrangement, Bulgaria gets the girls; Hungary gets the gardeners.

Now take smuggling. There seems to be a demand in Austria for beefsteaks.

And so adventurous men are slipping across the frontier to fill that demand. Even ordinary travelers, it is said, are wrapping slices of fresh meat around themselves.

Whether the bootlegger whispers "fresh beefsteak, madeame?" is a question, of course.

But the scene in the kitchen, with blinds drawn, and doors locked, and with the odor of frying beefsteak with onions, is bound to be authentic.

The lack of certain foods, with emphasis on luxury articles, is becoming steadily more apparent throughout South-eastern Europe.

In Bulgaria, you now have four meatless days a week, because of heavy exports to Germany, and in Greece, two such days, because of lack of foreign exchange with which to purchase livestock. This has given the vegetarians a field day.

It also has provided some remarkable ingenuity in restaurant menus, since the definition of meat does not include head, hoofs, horns and insides of animals.

A cup of coffee is becoming a positive luxury. Prices have skyrocketed. At the rate things are going a steaming cup of coffee will rank with black caviar and French champagne as symbolic of the real festive spirit. And very bold is the traveler who comes home and says, "Sssshhh! I've got a fourth of a pound of coffee in my bag. Let's have a party."

## ANGLIN URGES SAFE DRIVING

### Carelessness Means Death, He Says


HARLINGEN — Police Chief E. W. Anglin, Friday again urged motorists not to be careless while driving during the Christmas season, warning them that a few careless moments can mean unhappiness to several homes during the time of the year when people should be happiest.

Pointing to the wave of traffic fatalities sweeping the Valley during the past several days, Anglin warned drivers that vigilance of officers will not be relaxed merely because it is Christmas. Rather, it will be redoubled, he said, in order to try to protect careful motorists against those who are reckless or who mix alcohol with their gasoline.

Many people use the Christmas holiday season as a time or reason for increasing their intake of spirits, and though the wisdom of mixing alcohol with celebration of the Saviour's birth may be a matter of personal taste and opinion, said Anglin, there can be no question about it being unwise to drive in the increased holiday traffic without observing and being able to observe traffic safety rules with more than ordinary care and consideration.

### Valleyite Unhurt In Texas Accident

HARLINGEN — S. C. Stevens of McAllen, driver of a truck involved in a collision near San Antonio, was uninjured in the wreck but three San Antonians were hurt, according to Associated Press dispatches. Hurt were John Bains, 19; Miss Mimi Ogden, 18, and Clive Mueller, 20.



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## Tourists At McAllen Hold Christmas Fete

McALLEN—Two hundred nine tourists exchanged gifts at the annual Christmas party Thursday night at Legion Hall to mark the largest assemblage of tourists to date for any social activity.

Staged by the tourist department of the McAllen Chamber of Commerce, small gifts were distributed to all present by a Hoosier Santa Claus, Albert Warner of Indiana.

Because Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Marks of Iowa Falls, Ia., were the only couple present who had been married 53 years, they were given a basket of fruit by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hall. A honeymooning couple, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Biddwin, Otterburne, Manitoba, Canada, married only 10 days were presented with a basket of fruit by Mr. and Mrs. George W. Johnson.

A program of dances was presented by Jerry and Frances West and Caroline Williams from the Elks' dancing school. Tourist hostess, Mrs. Paul T. Vickers, was given a framed copy of a song composed by Mrs. W. T. Perry of Kansas and penned in a free-hand drawing by Wallace P. Welbanks of Minnesota.

McAllen's tourist parties started Nov. 10 with 51 persons present. Tourist officials said. Estimating that fewer than 25 per cent of all visitors in the city attend the tourist events, tourist officials expect large crowds at post-Christmas events.

## DRIVERS GET SAFETY PINS

MP Bus Men Complet 619,117 Miles

BROWNSVILLE—Judge Bascom Cox awarded pins Thursday to five Missouri Pacific Transportation Company bus drivers who drove 619,117 miles without an accident in recent years.

The drivers were G. K. Alexander, Brownsville, three years, 103,268 miles; C. A. Erickson, Corpus Christi, four years, 259,004 miles; A. Henriksen, Mission, three years, 147,141 miles; E. J. Johnson, Corpus Christi, three years, 78,822 miles; and C. G. Schmidt, Brownsville, one year, 29,882 miles.

Four other drivers who have driven a year without accident and who will receive pins later include C. D. Adrean, 60,190 miles; Roy Bald, 64,822 miles; J. A. McMillon, 60,156 miles; and J. F. Parker, 64,473 miles. All are from Brownsville.

Judge Bascom Cox said that the safety awards mean more than wartime decorations because highway fatalities each year exceed America's losses in the World War.

The Mopac line itself has a high safety record, having been awarded third place in the United States in a safety contest.

### Woman Buys Gifts Then Shoots Self

MARSHALL—(AP)—Mrs. Pat Fyffe, 40, went out Thursday and bought Christmas presents for her husband and son.

Then she went home and shot herself to death. Justice of the Peace H. L. Callaway returned an inquest verdict of "death due to gunshot wounds self inflicted."

### Report Is Given

#### Highway Department Record Revealed

AUSTIN—(AP)—Looking back to 1917, birth year of the highway department, officials announced Thursday 521 grade separations had been built.

An additional 33 were under construction or approved for construction, making a total of 554.

Furthermore, 814 crossings have been eliminated by relocating highways and with 16 relocations now under construction a total of 830 of the travel hazards have been eliminated in this manner.

Tangible results, engineers say, include a 14 per cent reduction in fatalities at railroad crossings for the first 10 months of 1939.

### 3 Men Arrested On Burglary Charges

SANTA ROSA—Three men had been arrested and charged with burglary Friday in connection with the theft of three new suits of clothes, a new leather jacket, and a new pair of shoes from the residence of Antonio de la Garza here December 12. Deputy Sheriff Boynton Fleming, Santa Rosa, said.

Men charged with burglary in Justice of Peace C. C. Raimond's court at La Feria are Jose Leal, Manuel Leal and Ottilio de la Diente, all of Santa Rosa. They were held on \$1,000 bonds each Friday night. Examining trial will probably be held Wednesday or Thursday before Judge Raimond at La Feria for the three men. Fleming said. He was aided in the investigation and arrest by Deputy Constable Pablo Lopez, Santa Rosa.



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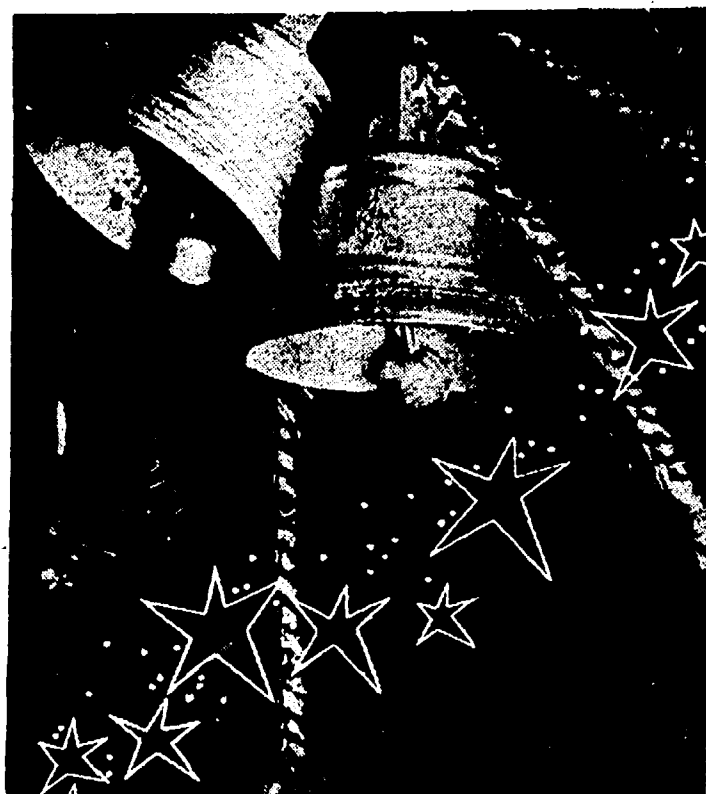
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1937 LINCOLN ZEPHYR SEDAN	\$645
1939 DODGE COUPE	\$645
1938 FORD TUDOR	\$495
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1936 FORD DELUXE SEDAN	\$345
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FOR SALE: Electrolux, used 1 year. Cost \$300.00. My price \$150.00. Ozarka Water Co., Harlingen.

DIAMOND RING, two-carat perfect, in man's mounting. Will sacrifice for cash. P.O. Box 101, Brownsville, Texas.

25 ACRES land with nice residence and garage. Close to Samfordryce Oil Field, Hidalgo county. Write Box L-62, care of Herald, Brownsville.

## CARL & BILL

Welding and Machine Works  
Boilers, Pumps, Tanks, Tractors  
We specialize in tractor parts.  
Phone 576 405 W. Harrison

FOR SALE: Three 10-foot show cases. Brown's Jewelry, McAllen.

### 10g Feed and Fuel

FOR SALE: Baled hay, cane and hygeria. Ten and twelve dollars ton FOB farm. Ed Terry 3 1-2 miles northeast Lyford, Box 213.

### 10i Seeds, Plants, Flowers

ROSES AND OTHER CUT FLOWERS: also funeral designs. Mrs. O. E. Taylor, Riverside, phone 1320, Brownsville.

## 9. FINANCIAL

### 9b Auto Loans

## 1 To 12 Months To Pay

New Low Rates on Secured Loans—From \$50.00 Up  
We make loans on any chattel of value including tractors, farm equipment, trailers, cattle, store fixtures, commercial machinery and

## AUTOMOBILES

This new service is in addition to our efficient personal loan department where you may obtain a loan of from \$5 to \$50 if you are steadily employed.

## CO-SIGNED LOANS ALSO MADE

Consolidate your debts and pay one payment instead of several.  
We Want Your Business And We Have A Service To Fit Your Need. Come In And Talk With Us—No Obligation

## COMMUNITY LOAN CO.

L. M. NORRELL, Mgr.  
No. 6 S. 15th St. McAllen Telephone 825

## 10. FOR SALE

### 10i Seeds, Plants, Flowers

ATTENTION GROWERS: We have just received a car of Landreth bean seed, Landreth tomato seed, Potato bags, 54 cents. Sulphur, Insecticides, Hammers, Valley Bonded Warehouse, Inc., Brownsville.

## 11. LIVESTOCK

### 11a Dogs, Cats, Pets

FOR SALE: Chow pup, red male, pedigree, five months old. Ideal traveler in car. Has been in 14 states. Reasonable to right party. Make this a Christmas to be remembered. 1420 Garfield, Brownsville.

### 11b Horses, Cattle

## MONEY IN LIVESTOCK

Mr. Schafer and Son, Rio Hondo, purchased 12 young Jersey cows at \$200.00 per head. Let their calves run with them and feed some silage. Thursday they sold the calves at Auction at Parker's Sales Yards in Harlingen at around 7 months old. They brought \$22.00 each, and leaving the cows all heavy springers again. There is money in livestock in the Valley.

### COL. R. S. PARKER

### 11c Poultry, Supplies

TURKEYS: Fancy dressed, order early. B. A. Mapes, 1 mile south Baker Potts Nursery, Phone 6016-F-21.

LARGEST PRODUCTION sexed pullets and males and R.O.P. sired chicks in Southwest. Prices no higher than for common chicks. R.O.P. sires out of 232-312 egg hens. Discount 1940 orders. Catalog free. DIXIE POULTRY FARMS, Box 204, Brenham, Texas.

### 11e Auctions

LIVESTOCK AUCTION  
Every Thursday 10:30. Sale this week was very active in all divisions. Many buyers were present and spirited bidding created a good demand for all of our offerings with prices paid on the up trend. Another fine offering next Thursday. Mr. Buyer and seller for quick cash and satisfactory results consign your livestock to our sales yards. Our 40 years experience should give you top service in all livestock transactions.

### PARKERS SALES YARD

## 14. RENTALS

### 14a Apartments

HALL APARTMENTS: Furnished apartments 521 E. Tyler, Harlingen.

### FOR RENT

Furnished apartment and houses. \$18.00 to \$60.00. Unfurnished apartments and houses \$12.50 to \$40.00. Attractive bedrooms.  
Listings Appreciated  
MRS. J. L. SWANN  
Phone 1169-W Harlingen

THREE-ROOM furnished apartment. Utilities paid. Electric refrigerator, linens furnished and laundered. Rio Grande Courts, Harlingen.

SOUTHEAST UPSTAIRS furnished apartment. Large room, sleeping porch, kitchenette. Bills paid. 514 East Jackson, Harlingen.

JUNCO APARTMENTS, furnished. Electric refrigerator, utilities paid. Located down town. 1149 Washington, phone 440, Brownsville.

NICELY FURNISHED apartments, close in, moderately priced. Utilities paid. Nel Roy Apartments, phone 642, Brownsville.

SWEENEY APARTMENTS: furnished apartments, modern, electrical refrigerator, garage, walking distance. Winter rates reasonable—no increase in rent. Reduced summer rates begin March 15. First and Adams, Brownsville.

THREE-ROOM furnished apartment. Electric refrigerator, tile bath; Apartment 4, 308 East Monroe. See Dan Heslop, Johnson's Cafe, Harlingen.

FOR RENT: Five-room apartment, furnished, upstairs, reasonable. Close in. Phone 574, 422 Southeast Levee, Brownsville.

### 14c Houses

FOR RENT: Five-room house. Close in. Call at 418 East Harrison, or phone 464, Harlingen.

SIX-ROOM HOUSE. Modern, unfurnished. G. W. Steiger, c/o Palm Hotel, phone 931, Harlingen.

## 9. FINANCIAL

### 9b Auto Loans

## 16. REAL ESTATE

### 16b Lots for Sale

One-Acre Lot Near New High School  
Just outside city limits. All utilities. Restricted by owner. Why build that ranch-style home on a city lot when you can have an acre at the same price? ... Phone 987, McAllen.

### 16c Farms, Ranches

MAKE YOURSELF a Christmas present. Small acreage, modern house, reasonable—only \$300 cash down. Anglin, phone 1014, Harlingen.

### Lucky Day For You

When? Now, today. If you will be wise enough to buy these real bargains that are being offered from day to day.

10-Room House on paved street. All modern, just the thing for a large family. Bargain, yes a real one. Worth \$6500.00. Our price only \$4500.00. Good terms.

Choice Suburban, large 6-room house new, F. H. A. Easy Payment. Large lot, 2 baths, plenty large closets, 2 large porches, 2 car garage, servants quarters, gas water and lights. Only 15 blocks from business district. No city taxes. See this for a beautiful suburban home.

6-room brick home on East Filmore to trade for an orchard or country home.

6-room frame, good location, oak floors, all modern 2-car garage. Only \$3000.00 with \$300 cash.

5-room bricks, well located, only \$2750.00. \$500 cash.

Large 8-room duplex furnished. Just think, only \$3250.00. \$750.00 cash—Rent one side, live in other. Small 3-room house with 5 acres, good land, close in on pavement. Come make an offer, cash, or terms.

6-room frame, East Madison. Only \$2250, \$250 cash.



# Valley Area Wildcat Development Interest Is Increasing

## 18. REAL ESTATE

### 18a Houses for Sale

## Merry Christmas

We are grateful—and prize your Good Will—our greatest Asset. May we always merit the Confidence of a community made up of the Best People on earth, thereby enabling us to continue Selling You the best investment in the world—REAL ESTATE.

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REALTORS

## 17. NOTICES

### 17d Professional Notices

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### DENTIST

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HARLINGEN, TEXAS  
Telephone—Harlingen 1487

ANNETTE STUDIO: Massage and Colon Irrigation given. Recommended treatment for nervous indigestion, constipation, rheumatism and high blood pressure. Residence Country Club Tourist Courts. Phone 1361-W, Brownsville.

## 17e Travel Opportunities

MAN AND WIFE driving new Chrysler to South Dakota Tuesday. Can take 2 or 3 passengers. Phone 949-J, Harlingen.

## McALLEN REYNOSA BUS LINE

McALLEN to REYNOSA

8:30 A.M.	2:00 P.M.
10:00 A.M.	4:00 P.M.
12:00 A.M.	6:00 P.M.
	8:00 P.M.

Saturday and Sunday 11:00 P.M.

REYNOSA to McALLEN

7:30 A.M.	1:00 P.M.
9:00 A.M.	3:00 P.M.
11:00 A.M.	5:00 P.M.
	7:00 P.M.

Saturday and Sunday 11:30 P.M.

## UNION BUS LINE

Through Busses

Leave	Arrive
Brownsville	San Antonio
6:15 A.M.	1:30 P.M.
10:00 A.M.	5:25 P.M.
2:15 P.M.	9:30 A.M.
10:45 P.M.	6:30 A.M.

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Bound Busses  
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## 19. LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS AT BROWNSVILLE

Arline N. Ingham et al. vs. Leo Kenneth Mayer et al.

Civil Action File No. 60

This 17th day of November, 1939, the plaintiffs' complaint seeking a foreclosure of a lien on certain real properties were duly described in such pleading and filed herein was presented to the court; and thereupon it is ordered that the defendants, Leo Kenneth Mayer, is hereby directed to appear, plead, answer or demur to the plaintiffs' complaint filed herein by the 8th day of January, 1940, but in

## TESTS SEEN DURING WEEK BY DRILLERS

### Producers Reported In Kelsey Field

McALLEN—Wildcat development took on additional interest and importance in the Lower Rio Grande Valley Saturday after two wildcats, one in southern Hidalgo county and the other in northeastern Starr, began making hole. Several other deep wildcats in the area continued to make hole at depths ranging from 4,000 to 8,000 feet.

About five miles southwest of McAllen, Humble Oil and Refining Co. No. 1 T. J. Oge, Jr., Lot 12, Block 5, Rio Bravo Plantation Subd., cemented 16-inch o.d. conductor pipe at 214 feet and was waiting on cement. First well to be drilled on the big Rio Bravo prospect in southern Hidalgo, the test is scheduled for 10,000 feet or shallower production.

In western Hidalgo, about two and a half miles east of the Samfordville field, Brinkoeter Oil Co. No. 1 Daskam, Block 43, Daskam Subd., Por. 45, Reynosa Jurisdiction, was rigging up for a 4,100-foot test.

Sun Oil Co. was drilling around 800 feet on its No. 1 Encarnacion Rodriguez in the northwest corner of the 641-acre tract E. Rodriguez tract in Santa Teresa Grant, north-eastern Starr. Located about five miles north of the Sun field discovery, the well will attract much attention because of its location in the so-called "blind spot" between the two prolific producing areas. It will be a deep test.

Also in northeastern Starr, Magnolia Petroleum Co. No. 2 Yzaguirre Estate, Share 1, La Sal Colorado Grant, was reported drilling past 5,565 feet in hard shale with no shows reported to date.

On the northedge of the Barbacoas shallow field in south central Starr, R. S. Dean, Jr., McAllen contractor and producer, was past 1,200 feet on his No. A-1 Starr County Cattle Co., Block 20, Jeffries-Lamb Subd., Share 60-0, Por. 69, Camargo Jurisdiction. The test is scheduled for 4,000 feet. Surface casing was cemented at 110 feet.

In southern Starr northeast of Rio Grande City, Inter-State Minerals, Inc. No. 1 Green and Manning, Block 2, Share 65, Por. 81, Camargo Jurisdiction, drilled to total depth of 1,740 feet and bottomed the hole in shale. Operators cored high-pressure gas sands at 1,104-31 and at 1,204-16 feet, then cemented 7-inch o.d. casing at 1,150 feet. Gas from a troublesome shallow sand in the area at 344 feet caused a slight blowout around the outside of the oil string but was controlled with cement. The well will be given a production test shortly.

In the same area and as a north-west offset to the discovery well of the new Jacarua shallow field, Clopton-Mitchell-Zimmerman's No. 1 Mrs. Margaret Seabury, Lot 5, Share 46, Por. 80, Camargo Jurisdiction, showed considerable gas volume in both the 1,200-foot and 1,300-foot sands, and plugged and abandoned the well, since no showing was believed insufficient for a profitable producer.

In western Starr, Carrio Oil Co. (R. C. Hillman) No. 1 Ramirez, Share 227, Por. 69, Mier Jurisdiction, was shut down at 53 feet after starting the second hole.

In southeastern Cameron county, Pure Oil Co. No. 3 Gatewood Newberry, San Martin Grant, was drilling in hard shale past 8,163 feet. The test is expected to go to 10,000 feet. It is a slim-hole operation and has not experienced the difficulty with high-pressure gas sands around 7,200 and 8,000 feet that caused abandonment of other deep tests in the area.

In southern Jim Hogg county, Humble Oil and Refining Co. No. 3 Mestena Oil and Gas Co., Survey 388, Fowler and Rankin Subd., Diego Hinojosa Grant, was rigging up to spud a deep slim-hole test. Location is about 12 miles south-east of Hebbronville.

## NEW PRODUCERS IN AREA ARE REPORTED

McALLEN—Two new producers in the Kelsey field, one new producer in the Ricabey field in southern Starr and others showing for production in the Rincon and Sun areas in Starr county climaxed proved field operations in the Lower Rio Grande Valley Saturday.

The steadily expanding Kelsey field added one new producer in Jim Hogg county and a second in Brooks county, and two other wells were drilling.

About 8,000 feet north of discovery, Humble's No. 17 Kelsey, Bass, in San Rafael Grant, Jim Hogg county, gauged 108 barrels daily on 9-6 inch tubing choke with casing closed-in casing pressure. Casing (5-1-2 inch) was cemented at 4,739 feet.

In Brooks county, the field's 47th producer was Humble's No. 38 J. C. McGill, about 8,800 feet east of discovery and 933 feet east of production. From sand at 4,729-39 feet and with casing cemented atop the sand, the well made 158 barrels daily on 9-6 inch tubing choke with 800 pounds tubing working pressure and 980 pounds closed-in casing pressure.

The field's new northeast outpost, Humble's No. 39 J. C. McGill, 11,400 feet northeast of discovery and 933 feet north of production, was coring for the field sand around 4,705 feet.

Humble's No. 40 McGill, a new southern outpost for the field, was drilling around 4,000 feet on location about 5,500 feet southeast of discovery and 933 feet south of production.

The field also reported two new

## STOCK MART ENDS WEEK ABOUT EVEN

### Pre-Christmas Rush Fails To Help

NEW YORK—A mixed-up stock market Saturday emerged from the pre-Christmas week just about where it started.

The brief session was sluggish throughout with transactions devoted principally to selling for income tax purposes, switching from one stock to another in the same group and a moderate amount of specialized investment purchasing.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks was unchanged at 50.9. Transfers of 331,672 shares compared with 335,440 a week ago. For the six days, though, volume was the largest in four weeks.

Low volume was an isolating spot pushing up 2 points. Johns-Manville advanced a point. Elsewhere minor improvement was shown by Sears Roebuck, Philip Morris, Santa Fe, New York Central, Pennsylvania, Anaconda, International Nickel, Montgomery Ward, Woolworth, Goodyear and J. C. Penney.

Down a shade were Youngstown Sheet, General Motors, American Telephone, Westinghouse, American Can, Union Carbide, Great Northern and Public Service of New Jersey.

Steels were backward throughout, although U. S. Steel ended 1-3 up and Bethlehem was unchanged.

American Gas and Electric dropped a point in the curb and smaller recessions were posted for Electric Bond and Share and Niagara Hudson Power. Slight gains included Gulf Oil and Lake Shore. Turnover of 102,000 shares compared with 98,000 a week ago.

## CARL FAUSTS TO ARRIVE

McALLEN—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Faust were expected to arrive Sunday from Jackson, Miss., to spend the Christmas holidays here.

## N. Y. BONDS

Govt	Foreign	Italy	Japan	Poland
4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2

## GRAIN

Chicago	High	Low	Close
1.01 1/4	1.02 1/4	1.01 3/4	1.02 1/4

## WHEAT

May	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
1.01 1/4	1.02 1/4	1.01 3/4	1.02 1/4

## CORN

May	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
34 1/2	35 1/2	34 3/4	35 1/2

## OATS

May	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
34 1/2	35 1/2	34 3/4	35 1/2

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## Jurors Are Called For 103rd's Session

BROWNSVILLE—Jurors for the coming term of 103rd civil district court here are set out below.

To be in the district courtroom at 9 a. m. Monday, January 8, are:

A. J. Bowen of Harlingen, C. W. Adams of Harlingen, C. T. Adams of San Benito, V. C. Criswell of Brownsville, V. W. Stevenson of Brownsville, A. V. Johnson of San Benito, Joe B. Winston of San Benito, J. W. Ray of La Feria, Orson Hendricks of Harlingen and W. Y. Carver of Harlingen.

William Vanders of San Benito, Jay McCoy of Harlingen, Fred Hartman of San Benito, J. C. Bennett of Brownsville, J. A. Sibley of Combes, F. D. Newell of Rio Hondo, E. L. Butler of Santa Rosa, Manuel Flores of Brownsville, Vicente S. Sandoval of San Benito and L. E. Noe of Rio Hondo.

Encarnacion Cuellar of Brownsville, Jake W. Haffner of San Benito, J. C. Tomlinson of Harlingen, A. C. Gusler of Rio Hondo, S. B. McCreary of Brownsville, Adolf Thomas of San Benito, R. E. Scroggin of San Benito, Louis C. Solis of Brownsville and Refugio Gonzales of Brownsville.

Fred J. Fryers of Harlingen, G. A. Holland of Brownsville, V. Brennan of Brownsville, Dr. M. A. Childers of Harlingen, G. W. Vanderford of Harlingen, Edward N. Lawson of Santa Rosa, D. C. Raybourn of Harlingen, Leo McNeese of San Benito, L. C. Solis of Brownsville and Refugio Gonzales of Brownsville.

L. A. Clark of San Benito, Juan Ramirez of Brownsville, F. H. Morris of Harlingen, Ed Sears of San Benito, W. T. Sams of Harlingen, A. D. Bennett of Brownsville, Henry H. Parks of San Benito, Alfred Neck of Brownsville and Dan Ellis of Brownsville.

Amos Daniels of Harlingen, Hugh Harper of Rio Hondo, K. C. Roberts of San Benito, Marshall H. Gause of San Benito, C. M. Josey of Brownsville, T. D. Johns of San Benito, V. F. Dotson of San Benito, Harold M. Snapp of La Feria, C. E. Adrain of Brownsville and Manuel Torres of Brownsville.

H. R. Bupp of Harlingen, J. R. Houston of Harlingen, Floyd Morrow of San Benito, F. B. Sublett of San Benito, W. J. Fry of San Benito, Frank Cortez of Brownsville, G. M. Lozano, Jr., of Harlingen, W. P. Gardner of San Benito, John Owen of La Feria and R. G. King of Harlingen.

To be at the district courtroom at 9 a. m. Monday, January 15, are:

A. H. Vayo of Harlingen, A. L. Brooks of Harlingen, W. T. Foster of Harlingen, Dan C. King of Rio Hondo, Albert Smith of Brownsville, C. K. Pirtle of Harlingen, J. A. Thompson of Port Isabel, Harry Miller of Port Isabel and Henry Ulrich of Rio Hondo.

E. D. Crow of Harlingen, J. A. Burns of Santa Rosa, C. E. Liken of La Feria, W. S. Gilbert of San Benito, S. H. Bell of Brownsville, O. W. McKee of Brownsville, W. C. Weller, Jr., of Harlingen, Dock Watson of Rio Hondo, P. D. Brooks of San Benito and J. L. Bradshaw of Brownsville.

A. C. Simmons of San Benito, James H. Maher of Brownsville, Marvin T. Akin of Harlingen, O. C. Rushing of San Benito, Denard W. Brewster of Brownsville, Carl Leep-

er of Los Fresnos, William E. Verole of Harlingen, L. S. Stephens of Harlingen, Roger S. Petty of La Feria and A. Orive, Jr., of Brownsville.

J. McCarty of Brownsville, J. P. Bond of La Feria, F. A. Martinez of San Benito, W. A. Muse of Harlingen, M. R. Bramwell of La Feria, Clay Hall of San Benito, D. M. Buchan of Harlingen, O. R. McCoy of Port Isabel, Pat Rogers of Rio Hondo and Miles Silby of Harlingen.

J. A. Frieble of Olmito, Alfred R. Anderson of Rio Hondo, W. R. Stovell of San Benito, W. S. Ticer of Rio Hondo, D. R. Wilkerson of Harlingen, R. C. Clark of San Benito, C. S. Tansey of La Feria, J. C. Celaya, Jr., of Brownsville, H. C. Weaver of Rio Hondo and J. T. Pruett of Combes.

W. E. Foelkner of Rio Hondo, Charles E. Pierce of San Benito, M. C. Barr of San Benito, O. O. West of La Feria, Hughes Smith of Harlingen, A. T. Beach of Brownsville, W. W. Walton of San Benito, G. N. Bogel of Brownsville, D. E. Bell of Combes and Fred Koppeler, Sr., of La Feria.

T. R. Stevens of Santa Rosa, Cuban Monsoes of Brownsville, Walter Malson of Harlingen, J. F. Casey of San Benito, T. J. Chase of Port Isabel, Edward Neidog of San Benito, J. M. Caddell of Harlingen, Tom P. Pantecost of Harlingen, J. O. Harris of Harlingen and R. T. Scogin of San Benito.

To be at the district courtroom at 9 a. m. Monday, January 22, are:

Lyman Sutton of San Benito, C. L. Kaigler of Rangerville, M. L. Van Tyne of San Benito, George Axclid of Harlingen, M. E. Allis of La Feria, A. E. Kraut of Brownsville, James P. O'Brien of Brownsville, W. D. Van Wagon of San Benito, Ingendorf of Harlingen and C. M. Underwood of San Benito.

J. W. Smith of Harlingen, T. F. Thomas of Brownsville, Juan Sanchez of Brownsville, W. A. Mitchell of Harlingen, Foster Tebbe of Harlingen, E. A. Vourcos of Brownsville, Charles J. Waters of Rio Hondo, Sam Myers of La Feria, Hurry Faraday of San Benito and S. W. McKenzie of Brownsville.

R. H. Davis of Harlingen, J. H. Whalley of La Feria, R. L. Milard of San Benito, A. A. Laughlin of Los Fresnos, J. A. Smith of San Benito, E. L. Simmons of Harlingen, Seth E. Gabitsch of Brownsville, J. D. Morris of San Benito, P. B. Haney of Harlingen and R. C. Daniels of San Benito.

J. R. Styles of Brownsville, G. W. Jones of Rio Hondo, S. B. McCreary of Brownsville, J. J. Mangham of San Benito, P. H. Bouis of Brownsville, E. M. Bremer of Brownsville, Felix Zamudio of Brownsville, W. E. Bush of Harlingen, Ernesto G. Guzman of Brown-

ville and M. W. Wharton of Port Isabel.

Cleve Dunlap of La Feria, John J. Young of Brownsville, Z. M. Lee of San Benito, John B. Coston of La Feria, Herman Schreiber of Brownsville, L. B. Martin of Harlingen, R. Lee Brown of San Benito, B. A. Bunker of Port Isabel, Raul Leal Besteiro of Brownsville and David Petrie of Los Fresnos.

Roy Boyett of Harlingen, Ernesto Lopez of Brownsville, Collis Dunn of Harlingen, C. P. Barreda of Brownsville, E. F. Brower of La Feria, H. E. Conklin of Harlingen, W. A. Frank, Jr., of Brownsville, B. A. Petty of Harlingen, E. B. Sain of Harlingen and James L. Sewell of Port Isabel.

G. G. Anguera of Brownsville, Victor M. Marroquin of Brownsville, Clark W. Creps of San Benito, Lewis S. Hatch of Rio Hondo, J. W. Pruitt of Harlingen, J. B. Cocke of Brownsville, E. M. Bauman of La Feria, I. V. Jolly, Jr., of San Benito, E. T. Sandell of Harlingen and M. E. Wentz of Brownsville.

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# Advance Films A Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year Screen Calendar

## FOUR WIVES GOOD ROMANTIC COMEDY

Lane Sisters, Gale Page Again Starred As Young Married Ladies In New Film At Arcadia and Capitol

THE ORIGINAL cast of last year's sensational hit "Four Daughters," including Priscilla, Rosemary and Lola Lane, Gale Page, Jeffery Lynn, Claude Rains, May Robson and all the others, with the notable addition of Eddie Albert are back again in the new romantic comedy "Four Wives," currently featured Sunday only at the Capitol Theatre in Brownsville and scheduled at a special Christmas feature at the Arcadia Theatre in Harlingen, three days starting Monday.

John Garfield, who met an untimely death as Mickey Borden in "Four Daughters," will be seen, too, in "Four Wives," but only as a vision. Yet it is this vision which motivates a goodly portion of the plot of the new film. In the earlier story, he was married to Priscilla Lane, who plays Ann, youngest of the four Lemp daughters.

The affairs of the rest of the family are literally "expanding" while Adam Lemp (Claude Rains) and Aunt Etta (May Robson) look on with loving joy and sorrow. Kay (Rosemary), the only daughter who had no romance in the earlier picture has fallen in love with the young doctor played by Eddie Albert, and, aided by her sisters' advice, is busy luring him to the altar.

The family is also deeply concerned about Priscilla, who seems unable to forget her former marriage. Jeffery is waiting for her to marry him and at last she consents.

The whole family puts their collective heads together to provide a big wedding for Priscilla and Jeffery. But on the appointed day Priscilla, haunted by the memory of her runaway marriage with Garfield can't face the idea of the big ceremony, and she and Jeffery elope.

### HARDY FAMILY SEEN IN NEW FILM

THE LATEST of the "Judge Hardy Family" pictures "Judge Hardy and Son" brings Mickey Rooney, Lewis Stone and the rest of the entertaining family to the Rivoli Theatre in San Benito, Sunday and Monday in the eighth picture.

In the new adventures of the famous family Mickey turns detective to help his father fight a foreclosure case; gets involved with three pretty girls with consequent trouble with his "regular" sweetheart, Ann Rutherford, turns hero to ferry Cecilia Parker across a raging flood to reach her sick mother's bedside; and inspires his father to new courage in an hour of tragedy.

The new picture is laid entirely in the family's home town of Carvel. There are poignant moments when the family fears the loss of the mother through illness. There are hilarious complications in Andy Hardy's life, and several tense dramatic moments in the life of the family.

### DEANNA DURBIN PLAYS ROMANTIC ROLE

DEANNA DURBIN scores another outstanding triumph in her latest starring picture "First Love," scheduled as a special Christmas feature at the Palace Theatre in McAllen Monday and Tuesday.

No longer a child, Miss Durbin experiences her first romantic role as a grown-up star in "First Love." Cast as an orphan girl she is forced to live with an aunt, an uncle, and two cousins her own age. They are snobbish and look upon her as a poor relation. Her personality, consideration and kindness, however, finally wins her a place in the family.

A boy-and-girl romance between Miss Durbin and Robert Stack, a screen newcomer causes an upheaval in the family, as Stack is also the object of the affections of Helen Parrish, who plays one of Miss Durbin's snobbish cousins. Other members of the featured supporting cast include Eugene Pallette, Leatrice Joy, June Storey and Charles Coleman.

Miss Durbin sings four beautiful selections in "First Love"—"Home Sweet Home," "Amapolita," "Spring in My Heart" and Puccini's "One Fine Day," from the opera, "Madame Butterfly."

### TEXAS GLAMOUR GIRL IN NEW FILM

THE SCREEN'S sensational star discovery of "Hotel for Women," Linda Darnell is co-starring in her second picture "Day-Time Wife," opposite Tyrone Power.

Miss Darnell, formerly from Dallas, Texas, has set a record almost unprecedented in film annals. The daughter of a Dallas postal clerk, Miss Darnell had appeared with a couple of Little Theatre groups. Less than a year ago a screen talent scout visited Dallas and was so deeply impressed by her unusual beauty and poise that he rushed photographs of her to Hollywood. To her amazement, she received the leading role in "Hotel for Women," and was immediately acclaimed as a star.

The story of "Day-Time Wife" is smartly written, merry marital mixup of a wife who gets a secretary's job to find out just what it is that secretaries have that wives haven't.

"Day-Time Wife" is scheduled as a special Christmas feature at the Capitol Theatre in Brownsville, three days starting Monday and at the Palace Theatre in McAllen, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

### POPULAR TEAM IN NEW KILDARE STORY

YOUNG Dr. Kildare and his menton, Dr. Gillespie, personified by Lew Ayres and Lionel Barrymore, are back again in a new adventure-romance "The Secret of Dr. Kildare," scheduled for showing Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Capitol Theatre in Brownsville.

Lionel Atwill has a prominent part in the new picture as a millionaire who seeks the aid of Dr. Gillespie in an effort to discover what ails his daughter, Nancy, who suffers from a strange mental complex. The role of Nancy is played by Helen Gilbert, who makes her second film ap-



Deanna Durbin in "First Love" scheduled as a special Christmas feature at the Palace Theatre in McAllen.



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### UNCENSORED VERSION WAR FILM RELEASED

With Europe in the thick of another titanic war, the uncensored version of "All Quiet On The Western Front" is being released for the first time.

This history making film, winner of five international awards is scheduled for showing Wednesday and Thursday at the Palace Theatre in San Benito.

pearance following her hit role as dramatic teacher in "Andy Hardy Gets Spring Fever." The hospital staff established in the preceding "Dr. Kildare" picture includes Nat Pendleton as the orderly, Laraine Day as the nurse who attracts Lew Ayres, Walter Kingsford as the hospital superintendent, Alma Kruger as the head nurse and Marie Blake as the wise-cracking telephone operator.

### SONJA HENIE PLAYS DRAMATIC ROLE

BOTH story and acting performances are counted on in Sonja Henie's new starring picture "Everything Happens at Night," more than in any of her previous pictures. A completely different type of picture, the story is filled with love and laughter, and thrilling adventure.



The Lane Sisters, Priscilla, Rosemary and Lola co-starred with Gale Page in their latest screen sensation "Four Wives," currently featured Sunday only at the Capitol Theatre in Brownsville and as a special Christmas feature three days starting Monday at the Arcadia Theatre in Harlingen.

## VALLEY SCREEN CALENDAR

### CAPITOL THEATRE, BROWNSVILLE

SUNDAY ONLY: Priscilla, Lola and Rosemary Lane and Gale Page in "Four Wives" with Eddie Albert, May Robson, and Claude Rains.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY: Tyrone Power and Linda Darnell in "Day-Time Wife" with Warren William, Blaine Barger and Wendy Barrie.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Lionel Barrymore and Lew Ayres in "The Secret of Dr. Kildare" with Helen Gilbert, Nat Pendleton and Laraine Day.

### QUEEN THEATRE, BROWNSVILLE

SUNDAY ONLY: Joel McCrea and Brenda Marshall in "Espionage Agent" with Jeffery Lynn and Frank McHugh.

MONDAY ONLY: Jackie Cooper and Freddie Bartholomew in "Two Bright Boys."

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY: Irene Dunne and Charles Dwyer in "Love Affair" with Lee Bowman.

THURSDAY ONLY: Low Ayres and Lana Turner in "These Glamour Girls" with Anita Louise and Jane Bryan.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY: The Three Mesquiteros in "The Cow-boys From Texas" with Robert Livingston, Duncan Renaldo and Raymond Hatton.

### RIVOLI THEATRE, SAN BENITO

SUNDAY, MONDAY: Mickey Rooney and Lewis Stone in "Judge Hardy and Son" with Ann Rutherford, Fay Holden and Ann Rutherford.

TUESDAY ONLY: Stuart Erwin and Marjorie Weaver in "The Honey-moon Over."

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. and Margaret Lockwood in "Rulers of the Sea" with Will Fyfe.

Also March of Time.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Bette Davis and Errol Flynn in "The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex" with Olivia De Havilland. Filmed in Technicolor.

### ARCADIA THEATRE, HARLINGEN

SUNDAY ONLY: Bette Davis and Errol Flynn in "The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex" with Olivia De Havilland. Filmed in Technicolor.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY: Priscilla, Rosemary and Lola Lane and Gale Page in "Four Wives" with Eddie Albert, May Robson and Claude Rains.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Sonja Henie and Ray Milland in "Everything Happens at Night" with Robert Cummings and Alan Dinehart.

### RIALTO THEATRE, HARLINGEN

SUNDAY ONLY: Anita Louise and Dick Foran in "Hero For A Day" with Charles Winninger and Arthur Treacher.

MONDAY, TUESDAY: Gene Autry and Smiley Burnette in "South of the Border" with Lupita Tovar and June Storey.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: John King and Craig Reynolds in "The Gentleman From Arizona" with Joan Barclay. Filmed in natural color.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY: Johnny Mack Brown and Bob Baker in "The Oklahoma Frontier" with Fuzzy Knight.

### STRAND THEATRE, HARLINGEN

SUNDAY, MONDAY: Gary Cooper and Andrea Leeds in "The Real Glory" with David Niven and Kay Johnson.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY: James, Lucille and Russel Gleason in "The Covered Trailer."

THURSDAY, FRIDAY: John Garfield and Priscilla Lane in "Dust Be My Destiny" with Allen Hale.

SATURDAY ONLY: Spanish dialogue film.

### STATE THEATRE, MERCEDES

SUNDAY, MONDAY: Ray Kyser and his Orchestra and Adolphe Menjou in "That's Right, You're Wrong" with May Robson and Edward Everett Horton.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY: Bette Davis and Errol Flynn in "The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex" with Olivia De Havilland. Filmed in Technicolor.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY: Bob Hope and Paulette Goddard in "The Cat and The Canary" with Gale Sondergaard and John Beal. Also "Rhumba Land."

SATURDAY ONLY: Gene Autry and Smiley Burnette in "South of the Border" with Lupita Tovar and June Storey.

### RITZ THEATRE, WESLACO

SUNDAY, MONDAY: Warner Baxter and Alice Faye in "Bar-riade" with Charles Winninger and Arthur Treacher.

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SATURDAY ONLY: Johnny Mack Brown and Bob Baker in "Chip Of Flying U" with Fuzzy Knight and Doris Weston.

### PALACE THEATRE, McALLEN

SUNDAY ONLY: Bette Davis and Errol Flynn in "The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex" with Olivia De Havilland. Filmed in Technicolor.

MONDAY, TUESDAY: Deanna Durbin in "First Love" with Robert Stack, Ann Parrish, Eugene Pallette and Lew's Howard. Also "March of Time."

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY: Tyrone Power and Linda Darnell in "Day-Time Wife" with Warren William, Blaine Barger and Wendy Barrie.

SATURDAY ONLY: Humphrey Bogart and Rosemary Lane in "The Return of Doctor X" with John Littel and Wayne Morris.

### QUEEN THEATRE, McALLEN

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MONDAY, TUESDAY: John King and Craig Reynolds in "The Gentleman From Arizona" with Joan Barclay. Filmed in natural color.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: Ginger Rogers and James Ellison in "Fifth Avenue Girl" with Walter Connolly.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY: William Boyd as Hopalong Cassidy in "Law of the Pampas" with Russel Hayden and Steffi Duns.



Bette Davis and Errol Flynn co-starred in "The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex," currently featured Sunday only at both the Arcadia Theatre in Harlingen and the Palace Theatre in McAllen; Tuesday and Wednesday at the State Theatre in Mercedes; Thursday and Friday at the Ritz Theatre in Weslaco and at the Rivoli in San Benito, Friday and Saturday.



Mickey Rooney and Martha O'Driscoll in the latest "Hardy Family" picture "Judge Hardy and Son," scheduled for current showing Sunday and Monday at the Rivoli Theatre in San Benito.

### MARCH OF TIME SHOWS

#### NEWEST WAR CRISIS

"Crisis in the Pacific," the latest March of Time film focuses attention on the new dilemma facing the U. S. in the Far East today, and pictures the U. S. Navy's defense strategy centering around Guam, America's tiny island outpost in the heart of the South Pacific area that Japan is seeking to control.

The March of Time is scheduled for showing during the current week at the Palace Theatre in McAllen, Monday and Tuesday and

at the Rivoli Theatre in San Benito, Wednesday and Thursday.

### QUEEN BROWNSVILLE

#### SUNDAY ONLY

JOEL MCCREA  
in  
"ESPIONAGE  
AGENT"  
WITH  
BRENDA MARSHALL

### RIALTO HARLINGEN

#### SUNDAY ONLY

DICK FORAN  
in  
"HERO FOR A DAY"  
WITH  
ANITA LOUISE

### STRAND HARLINGEN

#### SUNDAY - MONDAY

GARY COOPER  
in  
"THE REAL GLORY"  
WITH  
ANDREA LEEDS

### QUEEN

#### SUNDAY ONLY

JOEL MCCREA  
in  
"ESPIONAGE  
AGENT"  
WITH  
BRENDA MARSHALL

### RIVOLI SAN BENITO

#### SUNDAY-MONDAY

"JUDGE  
Hardy  
AND SON L"

with  
LEWIS STONE  
MICKEY ROONEY  
CECILIA PARKER  
\*FAY HOLDEN\*  
ANN RUTHERFORD

STARTS FRIDAY  
BETTE DAVIS  
in  
"ELIZABETH  
AND ESSEX"  
with ERROL FLYNN  
OLIVIA DE HAVILLAND

### RITZ WESLACO

#### SUNDAY-MONDAY



### STATE MERCEDES

#### SUNDAY - MONDAY



### ARCADIA HARLINGEN

#### SUNDAY ONLY



STARTS WEDNESDAY  
Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.  
in  
"RULERS OF  
THE SEA"  
WITH  
MARGARET LOCKWOOD  
GEORGE BANCROFT  
Also: "MARCH OF TIME"

**CAPITOL**  
BROWNSVILLE

SUNDAY ONLY

Priscilla, Rosemary, Lola, Gale  
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the Four Daughters are now  
**FOUR WIVES**

WITH CLAUDE RAINS and JEFFREY LYNN

3 DAYS STARTING MONDAY

**TYRONE LINDA POWER-DARNELL**  
*Day-Time Wife*

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### ARCADIA HARLINGEN

#### SUNDAY ONLY

BETTE DAVIS-FLYNN  
Queen of Actresses Adventurous Hero  
"THE PRIVATE LIVES OF  
**ELIZABETH and ESSEX**  
(FILMED IN TECHNICOLOR)  
WITH OLIVIA DE HAVILLAND—DONALD CRISP

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ALSO: "RHUMBA LAND" with  
WINI SHAW—VIVIENNE FAY

### SPECIAL XMAS SHOW

THE Arcadia Theatre in Harlingen and the Palace Theatre in McAllen have scheduled two of the season's most delightful motion pictures for your entertainment Christmas day.

Continuous Showing Daily from  
1:00 to 11:00 P. M. at both  
the Arcadia and Palace Theatres

### PALACE McALLEN

#### 2 DAYS STARTING MONDAY

Deanna  
**DURBIN**  
in  
**"FIRST LOVE"**  
WITH HELEN PARRISH and ROBERT STACK  
Also: LATEST "MARCH OF TIME"